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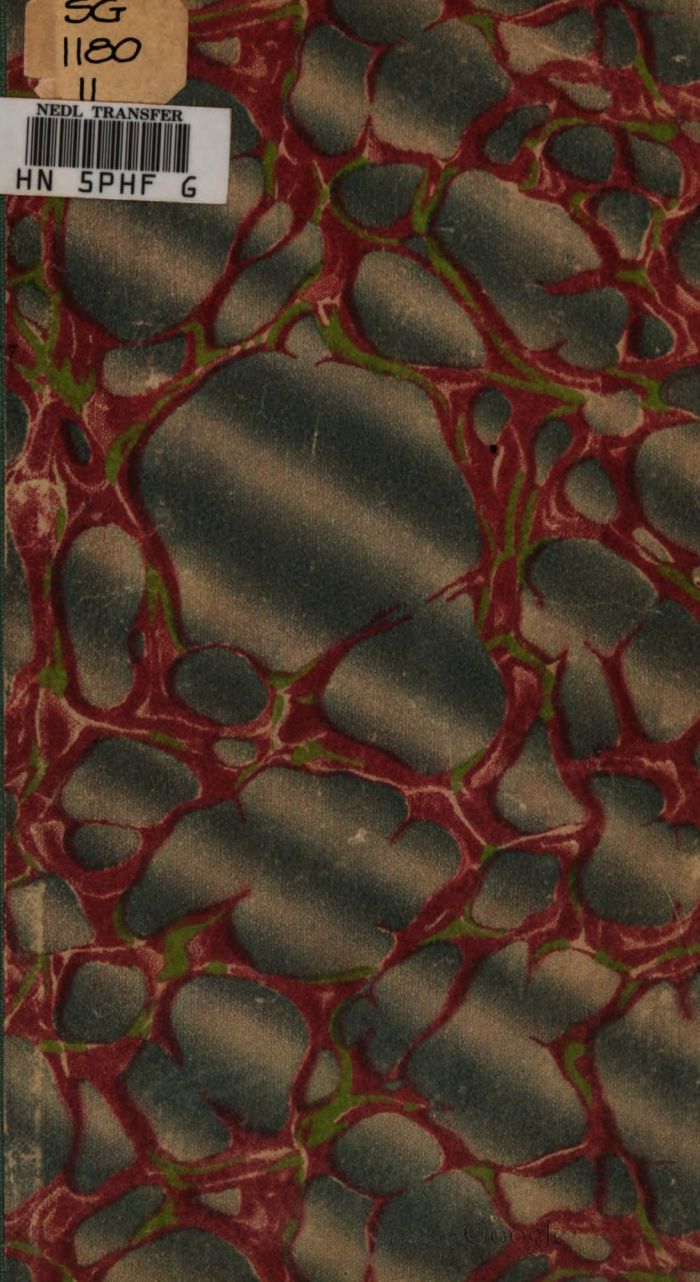
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Foreword

Play Fair. Play Hard. Play for the Team.

This is the inexorable requirement that America makes of the professional ball player. But there can be no fair play, hard play or team play without an organization able to make rules, to preserve competition and to create the conditions under which clubs and leagues can live. Enduring clubs and long-lived leagues are indispensable to the stability of the National Game.

Without such agreements and rules as appear in this volume clubs and leagues must languish and die. The spirit that animates these agreements and rules is public spirit; for professional baseball must be organized and conducted in the public interest or else lose the support upon which it depends for its very existence. This means that the machinery of organization must work smoothly, so that the public will not be annoyed by controversies which spoil sport and debase the game. Just as the game itself cannot well be played without an umpire, so an official is needed who can play the part of an umpire in disputes between clubs and players, between clubs and clubs and between leagues and leagues. It is for this reason that the office of Commissioner has been created.

The good of the game requires that the decision of the Commissioner should be final. The sportsmanship which compels a player to yield to the umpire's decision has now become the acid test of conduct not only for players, but for club owners, club and league officers. The two most significant documents in this book are to be found

on pages 15 and 92. The old complicated form of players' contract has been superseded by a simpler one in which the player recognizes himself as a public servant. As such he gives to the American people a pledge of conformity to high standards of fair play and good sportsmanship. The club owners and officers explicitly accept the same high standard and readily admit their obligation to set a good example to their players.

If any special responsibility rests upon the ball player it is a responsibility to young America. The boy on the bleachers is in school, even if he doesn't realize it. The heroes of the diamond are his teachers. By them his ideals of sport are powerfully affected. But the influence of the popular player goes much farther than this. The standards which the boy accepts on the bleachers he will carry into life. As the national game is played so the life of the nation will be lived. Nothing is good enough for baseball that it not good enough for America.

GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER.

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MAJOR LEAGUE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 12, 1921

Agreement between the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs and each of its Eight Constituent Clubs, of the one part, and the American League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and each of its Eight Constituent Clubs, of the other part.

ARTICLE I.

THE COMMISSIONER.

- Sec. 1. The office of Commissioner is hereby created.
- Sec. 2. The functions of the Commissioner shall be as follows:
- (a) To investigate, either upon complaint or upon his own initiative, any act, transaction or practice charged, alleged or suspected to be detrimental to the best interests of the national game of base ball; with authority to summon persons and to order the production of documents; and, in case of refusal to appear or produce, to impose such penalties as are hereinafter provided.
 - (b) To determine, after investigation, what preventive, remedial or punitive action is appropriate in the premises, and to take such action either against Major Leagues, Major League Clubs or individuals, as the case may be.
 - (c) To hear and determine finally any dispute between the Major Leagues which may be certified to him for determination by the President of either Major League.
 - (d) To hear and to determine finally any dispute to which a player is a party, or any dispute concern-

ing a player, which may be certified to him by either or any of the disputants.

- (e) To formulate, and from time to time announce, the rules of procedure to be observed by the Commissioner and all other parties in connection with the discharge of his duties. Such rules shall always recognize the right of any party in interest to appear before the Commissioner and be heard and the right of the Presidents of the two Major Leagues to appear and be heard upon any matter affecting the interests of the Major Leagues, or either of them.

Sec. 3. In the case of conduct detrimental to base ball by Major Leagues, Major League Clubs, officers, employes or players, punitive action by the Commissioner may in any case take the form of a public reprimand. In the case of a Major League or Club, the Commissioner may impose a fine not exceeding Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for any one offense. In the case of a Major League Club, punishment may extend to temporary deprivation of representation in joint meetings held under this agreement. In the case of any official or employe of a Major League or of any Major League Club, punishment may extend to suspension or removal. For such conduct, a player may be declared by the Commissioner temporarily or permanently ineligible to play for any Club which is a party to this agreement.

Sec. 4. In the case of conduct detrimental to base ball by organizations not parties to this agreement, or by individuals not connected with any of the parties hereto, the Commissioner may pursue appropriate legal remedies, advocate remedial legislation, and take such other steps as he may deem necessary

and proper in the interests of the morale of the players and the honor of the game.

- Sec. 5. The Commissioner shall hold office for seven (7) years and shall be eligible to succeed himself. His compensation shall be Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars per annum.
- Sec. 6. The first Commissioner under this agreement shall be Kenesaw M. Landis. Upon the expiration of his term, or upon his resignation or death during his term, his successor shall be chosen by a vote of the majority of the Clubs composing the two Major Leagues. In the event of failure to elect a successor within three (3) months after the vacancy has arisen, either Major League may request the President of the United States to designate a Commissioner, and the person when thus designated shall thereupon become Commissioner, with the same effect as if named herein.

ARTICLE II.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

- Sec. 1. The Advisory Council is hereby created, to be composed of the Commissioner and the President of each of the Major Leagues. In case of a division of opinion within the Council, the decision of the Commissioner shall in all cases be controlling.
- Sec. 2. The Advisory Council shall forthwith submit to the Major Leagues the following proposals for adoption:
- (a) Rules to govern the playing of the World Series Games.
 - (b) Rules to regulate all other contacts between the Major Leagues and all matters in which the Major Leagues have an interest.

- (c) Rules to determine the relationships between players and Clubs, and between Clubs and Clubs, in all cases which concern players or their contracts, a standard form of player's contract, and such other formal documents as may from time to time be deemed desirable.
- Sec. 3. The Advisory Council may from time to time propose to the Major Leagues amendments to any of the foregoing rules, regulations or standard forms.
- Sec. 4. The Advisory Council shall recommend to the Major Leagues, from time to time, the clerical and administrative expenditures necessary and proper for the discharge of the Commissioner's duties.

ARTICLE III.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

- Sec. 1. The Commissioner shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Advisory Council. His duties shall be such as the Council shall from time to time determine. His compensation shall be fixed by the Council, subject to the approval of the Major Leagues.

ARTICLE IV.

UNIFORM RULES.

- Sec. 1. Any rules, regulations or standard forms proposed as above by the Advisory Council, shall, upon formal acceptance by the Major Leagues, become binding upon them, and shall not thereafter be amended, except by the concurrent action of both Major Leagues. The authority of the Commissioner to determine finally a disagreement between

Major Leagues shall extend to the case of a disagreement over a proposed amendment.

- Sec. 2. Amendments to rules, regulations or standard forms shall, after they have become operative, be subject to further amendment only as provided in Sec. 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE V.

JOINT MEETINGS.

- Sec. 1. At all joint meetings of the two Major Leagues, and of their constituent clubs, the Commissioner shall preside.
- Sec. 2. Upon all questions of an interleague nature, or in any matter coming up in a joint meeting of the two Major Leagues, the roll shall be called, and after voting by Clubs in each League, if there shall be a division then the American League shall cast one vote, and the National League another vote. Should these two votes be at variance, then the Commissioner shall cast the deciding vote. There shall be no appeal therefrom.
- Sec. 3. Joint meetings of the Major Leagues, and of their constituent Clubs, may be called by the Commissioner upon reasonable notice whenever he is thereunto requested in writing by the President of either of said Leagues.

ARTICLE VI.

FINANCES.

- Sec. 1. The expenses of the Advisory Council, including the salaries of the Commissioner and of the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be paid by the Major Leagues, except to the extent that funds sufficient for the purpose are derived from games conducted under the auspices of the Council.

- Sec. 2. The Major Leagues, and each of their constituent Clubs, shall upon the demand of the Council contribute, share and share alike, to meet any deficiency of revenue remaining after the application to expenses of all funds properly applicable thereto.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COMMISSIONER.

- Sec. 1. The Major Leagues and their constituent Clubs, severally agree to be bound by the decisions of the Commissioner, and the discipline imposed by him under the provisions of this agreement, and severally waive such right of recourse to the Courts as would otherwise have existed in their favor.
- Sec. 2. The form of player's contract to be proposed to the Major Leagues by the Advisory Council, and all contracts between Major Leagues or Clubs and their officers and employees, shall contain a clause by which the parties agree to submit themselves to the discipline of the Commissioner, and to accept his decisions rendered in accordance with this agreement.

ARTICLE VIII.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT.

- Sec. 1. This agreement shall remain in force for twenty-five (25) years.

ARTICLE IX.

LIMITATION OF AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. Each of the parties hereto subscribes this agreement in consideration of the promises of all the others that no diminution of the compensation or powers of the present or any succeeding Commissioner shall be made during his term of office.

Executed by the parties hereto at Chicago, Ill., this twelfth day of January, 1921.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,
By John A. Heydler, President.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,
By B. B. Johnson, President.

BOSTON NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE BALL COMPANY,
By Geo. W. Grant, President.

BROOKLYN NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE BALL CLUB,
By Charles H. Ebbets, President.

CHICAGO NATIONAL LEAGUE BALL CLUB,
By William L. Veeck, President.

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL CLUB COMPANY,
By Aug. Herrmann, President.

NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMPANY,
By C. A. Stoneham, President.

THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB,
By William F. Baker, President.

PITTSBURGH ATHLETIC COMPANY,
By Barney Dreyfuss, President.

ST. LOUIS NATIONAL BASE BALL CLUB,
By Sam Breadon, President.

BOSTON AMERICAN LEAGUE BASE BALL CLUB,
By H. H. Frazee, President.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BASE BALL CLUB OF CHICAGO,
By Chas. A. Comiskey, President.

THE CLEVELAND BASE BALL COMPANY,
By J. C. Dunn, President.

DETROIT BASE BALL COMPANY,
By Frank J. Navin, President.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BASE BALL CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC.,
By Jacob Ruppert, President.

AMERICAN BASE BALL CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA,
By Thos. S. Shibe, Vice-President.

ST. LOUIS AMERICAN LEAGUE BASE BALL COMPANY,
By J. A. Robt. Quinn, Vice-President.

WASHINGTON AMERICAN LEAGUE BASE BALL CLUB,
By Clark C. Griffith, President.

PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSIONER.

Chicago, January 12, 1921.

We, the undersigned, earnestly desirous of insuring to the public wholesome and high-class base ball, and believing that we ourselves should set for the Players an example of the sportmanship which accepts the umpire's decision without complaint, hereby pledge ourselves loyally to support the Commissioner in his important and difficult task; and we assure him that each of us will acquiesce in his decisions, even when we believe them mistaken, and that we will not discredit the sport by public criticism of him or of one another.

(Signed) B. B. JOHNSON,	A. D. LASKER,
JOHN A. HEYDLER,	GEORGE WASHINGTON GRANT,
AUG. HERRMANN,	ROBERT QUINN,
JACOB RUPPERT,	WALTER E. FRITSCH,
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WM. F. BAKER,	HARRY H. FRAZEE,
BARNEY DREYFUSS,	

MAJOR LEAGUE RULES.

Adopted Pursuant to the Provisions of Article II, Section 2,
of the Major League Agreement of January 12, 1921.

ARTICLE I.

CIRCUITS.

National League Circuit. Section 1. The Circuit of the National League shall comprise the following cities: Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and New York, in which last-named city there shall be two clubs (one as now located in the Borough of Manhattan, and one as now located in the Borough of Brooklyn).

American League Circuit. Sec. 2. The Circuit of the American League shall comprise the following cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis.

Competition. Sec. 3. To preserve and stimulate competition for the League Pennants and for the World Championship, the circuits thus established shall remain unchanged either by withdrawal from a city, by inclusion of another city or by consolidation of clubs within a city, unless in any case the change is approved by a majority of clubs in each League, except that the circuit of either Major League shall not be changed except by the unanimous consent of the clubs constituting said League; nor shall any Club release a player or assign his contract with intent to impair the playing strength of the club.

ARTICLE II.

PLAYERS.

Uniform Contract. Section 1. To preserve morale and to produce the similarity of conditions necessary to keen competition, the contracts between all clubs and their players shall be in a single form which

shall be prescribed by the Advisory Council. No club shall make a contract different from the uniform contract or a contract containing a non-reserve clause, except with the written approval of the Advisory Council. All contracts shall be in duplicate and the player shall retain a counterpart original. The making of any agreement between a club and a player not embodied in the contract shall subject both parties to discipline by the Commissioner. Contracts must be tendered to all Major League players on or before February 15th.

Reservation. Sec. 2. To preserve discipline and to prevent the weakening of competition through enticement of players, no club shall employ a player who is under contract with another club or has broken his contract with another club, or with whom another club has reserved the right of renewal; provided in the latter case that the reserving club is not indebted to the player for arrears of salary.

Number of Players. Sec. 3. Since the supply of skilled players is not equal to the demand, no club shall have title to or under its control at any one time more than forty (40) players, exclusive of the manager and of players who have been promulgated as ineligible or voluntarily retired. From May 15th to August 31st of each year the number of players in the active service of a club shall not exceed twenty-five (25), exclusive of the manager and players who have been promulgated as ineligible or voluntarily retired. Players on whose services a club reserves an option to recall shall count in the forty (40) limit; provided the Advisory Council may, in its discretion, modify this provision for the playing season of 1921 only, should it be found that an excess number of optional agreements were made by clubs prior to January 12, 1921. A player on the "Suspended" list shall be considered an active player and count in the player limit.

Reservation List. Sec. 4. On or before November 1st in each year each Major League club shall transmit to its League President a list of not exceeding forty (40) active and eligible players, excluding the manager, which players the club desires to reserve for the ensuing season; and also a list of players who have voluntarily retired or are under suspension or

are ineligible because of failure to respect a reservation or sign a contract tendered in pursuance thereof. On or before November 15th the League Presidents shall transmit all of said lists to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council, who shall thereupon promulgate same, and thereafter no player on any list shall be eligible to play for any other club until his contract has been assigned or he has been released.

Termination of Service. Sec. 5. The relation between the club and the player created by contract may be terminated before the expiration of the specified term either by release or assignment by the club, or by breach of the contract by one of the parties, or by the player's refusal to respect reservation.

Unconditional Release. Sec. 6. (a) In case a club gives notice to its League President of intention to release a player unconditionally, any other club in the same League shall have a right to an assignment of the player's contract, the right to be exercised within ten days. If no assignment is requested within that period, any club in the other League is free to contract with the player. Ten days' written notice of release must be given to the player by the club, but the notice is revocable within that period. When two or more requests are made for an assignment of the player's contract, the League President shall determine the question by lot.

Veteran Players. (b) In case a club no longer desires to retain a player, he shall at his request be given an unconditional release if he has been in one or both Major Leagues an aggregate of ten complete seasons, and if no Major League club desires an assignment of his contract, after tender of such assignment has been made through the regular waiver channels.

Assignment. Sec. 7. (a) A club may assign to another club an existing contract with a player. The player upon receipt of written notice of such assignment is by his contract bound to serve the assignee. After such assignment the assignee is liable for the player's salary thereafter accruing and the assignor ceases to be liable therefor. Written notice of assignment of his contract shall be given to a player.

(b) No assignment of contract shall be made from August 1st to the close of the championship season by one Major League club to another club of the same League, or to a club of the other League, except after all clubs of the League comprising the club desiring to make the transfer shall have had an opportunity to take an assignment of such contract, the tender to be made through the regular waiver channels.

(c) Before a club may assign a player's contract to a Minor League club, each Major League club must be given an opportunity to take an assignment of such contract; and only when no such club accepts the assignment may the assignment to the Minor League club be consummated. Preference in opportunity shall be given to clubs in the assignor's league, and conflicting claims shall be determined by lot. In case of claim by any Major League club, the assignor may, within five days after receipt of advice of such claim, give notice of intention to retain the player. A club of the opposite Major League accepting the assignment shall pay a consideration therefor as follows:

1. In the case of one who has been a Major League player for at least a year, or has been recalled by a Major League club after intervening service with a Minor League club, \$4,000.

2. In the case of a selected player, the consideration shall be equal to the sum paid or to be paid to the club from which he came, together with the additional consideration of \$250.

3. In the case of a player who, at the time of entering contract, was a free agent, the consideration shall be \$1,500 during the period covering the first calendar year of such player's service, and \$4,000 thereafter.

4. In the case of a player whose contract has been acquired by the assignor otherwise than by selection or the exercise of the right of recall within one year from the date of the Transfer Agreement approved by the Commissioner, the consideration shall be the amount paid the club from which the player came and the assumption of any future obligations.

- (d) The contract of a player assigned by a Minor to a Major League club otherwise than by selection or the

exercise of right of recall may be reassigned to a Minor League club within the year under an approved Optional Agreement without giving opportunity to the other fifteen Major League clubs to take such assignment through the regular waiver channels. The year shall begin from the date appearing on the original Agreement of Assignment recorded with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council.

**Interleague
Waivers.**

Sec. 8. (a) Waivers on the services of a selected player may be asked at any time, but such player's contract shall not be assigned to a Minor League club within a year of his selection until the player has been in the actual service of the Major League club during the regular or training season. A player having served with one or more Major League clubs for the full playing season immediately following the year of his selection shall no longer be considered a "selected" player. Waivers on the services of any other player may be asked at any time.

(b) Interleague waivers, when granted, shall be in effect for one year from the date request is made by President of the League of which the requesting club is a member; provided, this shall not apply if the player so waived on has had intervening service with a Minor League club.

(c) On receipt of a request for waivers from the President of the League of the club seeking the same, the President of the opposite Major League shall, within seventy-two hours, if the request be received during the championship season, or within seven days at all other times, either waive or file claim to such player. Failure of a club to reply within the time limit shall be a waiver. The time limit within which interleague waivers can be exercised will begin to run from the time designated as the receiving time at the telegraph office of the city where the headquarters of the opposite Major League is located, with the proviso that telegrams received on Sunday or after twelve o'clock noon Saturday shall be considered as received on the following Monday at nine o'clock, if such Monday is not a holiday; and that all telegrams which are received on holidays shall be considered as received at nine o'clock on the day following such a holiday, when such following day is not a Sunday, and that where the time limit expires on Sunday it shall be extended until the

following Monday. In case there should be conflict in time, due to varying state or local daylight savings regulations, Standard Time shall govern.

Selection. Sec. 9. Between October 15th and 20th in any year, at a meeting place to be designated by the Commissioner, a Major League club may indicate a player in good standing in any club included in the National Association an assignment of whose contract is desired, and a player so acquired shall be known as a "Selected Player."

Sec. 10. (a) The club desiring the assignment shall give notice through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council to the Secretary of the National Association. Through the same channel payment shall be made of the consideration for the assignment in accordance with the terms of Article V of the Major-Minor League Agreement, which provide that only one player may be selected from each club in Class AA and Class A, but that the number of players subject to selection from Classes B, C and D be unrestricted. The consideration to be paid for such selected players shall be \$5,000 for a player selected from Class AA; \$4,000 from Class A; \$2,500 from Class B; \$1,500 from Class C, and \$1,000 from Class D. The consideration for a player from Class B or lower classification shall be paid in full at the time of selection. One-half the consideration for a player selected from either Class AA or Class A shall be paid at time of selection, the other half to be paid on May 1st following, if the player is retained. In case he is not retained, then there shall be no refund of the first payment.

Method of Selection. (b) The system of selecting Minor League players by Major League clubs shall be as follows:

There shall be sixteen selections, numbered from 1 to 16, which shall be awarded to the sixteen Major League clubs in the following manner:

The National League and the American League shall determine by lot which League shall have the odd-numbered selections and which the even-numbered for 1921, and reverse annually thereafter. The League securing the odd numbers shall award selec-

tion No. 1 to their eighth place club, No. 3 to the seventh place club, and so on up to the leading club of their League which shall receive selection No. 15. The League securing the even numbers shall award selection No. 2 to their eighth place club, No. 4 to the seventh place club, and so on up to the leading club of their League which shall receive selection No. 16.

The sixteen Major League clubs shall, as their numbers are announced in numerical order, have the right to make a free selection of one player (naming player, club and league) from any club in a Minor League which has accepted the system of selection. When the club holding No. 16 has exercised its right of selection, then the process of selection shall be repeated. When a club's list of eligible players, including those thus selected, shall total 40, then said club shall have no further right of selection. A club having announced its selection in proper order cannot thereafter cancel the same.

Time Limit on Transfers. Sec. 11. The transfer of the services of a player by a Minor League club to a Major League club, or by one Minor League club to another Minor League club after September 15th and until November 5th, inclusive, is prohibited.

Return of Selected Players. Sec. 12. (a) A Major League club desiring to assign the contract of a selected player to a Minor League club within one year of his selection, shall first tender, through the President of its League, the assignment to such Minor League clubs of higher classification as have accepted the system of selection; and if the tender be not accepted by any club of higher classification, then to the club from which the player was taken.

(b) A Minor League club deciding to accept such a tender as is provided for in the preceding subsection must pay to the Major League club a sum equal to the original selection price in all cases in which the selected player came from a Class B club or a club of lower classification. In case the player came from a Class AA or Class A club, the Minor League club must pay to the Major League club a sum equal to 75 per cent of the original selection

price if the same has been paid in full, or in case the first installment only has been paid, must pay to the Minor League club from which the player came the amount of the deferred installment. The sum payable by the Minor League club must in all cases be paid within 48 hours from receipt of notice of assignment, payment to be made to the Secretary of the National Association for account of the club to which the payment is due.

(c) To carry out the provisions of this Rule a Minor League club desiring the reassignment of the contract of a selected player, shall notify the Secretary of the National Association to such effect on or before February 15th. In default of such notice, Major League clubs shall have unrestricted opportunity to release or assign the contracts of selected players who, after trial of their skill, may fail to come up to the required standard of play.

Optional Agreements. Sec. 13. (a) Assignments of players' contracts by Major League to Minor League clubs must in general be absolute assignments; but in a limited number of cases—not exceeding eight (8) in any one year—a Major League club may reserve a right of recall, exercisable on or before September 15th next ensuing, provided a consideration for the assignment of not less than \$300 is in each case paid by the Minor League club and provided the assignment is filed with and approved by the Commissioner. Such assignments shall be known as Optional Agreements, and shall be permitted for not more than two successive seasons in the case of any one player. Provided, that, for the season of 1921, special provisions may be adopted by the Advisory Council to protect clubs which entered into an excess number of optional agreements prior to January 12, 1921.

(b) No player shall be released under an Optional Agreement during the period between September 16th and November 5th, both inclusive.

(c) If the club accepting a player under an Optional Agreement does not desire to retain him, it may assign his contract to another club, subject to such option; but before such player may be released outright the Major League club holding the option shall be given five days' notice of such intention, and on its failure to at once recall the player its right to reclaim him under the Optional

Agreement shall be forfeited, and the player shall become a free agent. The Minor League club's responsibility for the salary of a player accepted by it under an Optional Agreement shall cease at the expiration of the five days' notice to the Major League club of its intention to release such player.

(d) A club which exercises a right of recall shall be responsible to the player for any arrearage in salary to him from the club from which he is recalled, which shall be repaid to the club settling the player's claim.

(e) A player recalled under an Optional Agreement shall not be entitled to salary beyond the season of the assigning club from the club recalling him unless he reports to the latter by its direction.

(f) A club which during the period of its training season or after the beginning of the term of its contract with a player makes an Optional Agreement with a club whose championship season commences after that of the assigning club must pay him at the rate of his assigned contract from the time it would have become effective but for the assignment up to the day his salary starts with his new club; provided the player promptly reports to and gives service to the club to which his contract is assigned.

(g) All right or claim of a Major League club to a player, unless it be under an Optional Agreement approved by the Commissioner, shall cease when such player becomes a member of a Minor League club, and no arrangement between clubs for the loan or return of a player other than by an approved Optional Agreement shall be binding between the parties to it, or recognized by other clubs.

Form of Agreement. Sec. 14. (a) The Advisory Council shall prescribe the form of Assignments and of Optional Agreements, and no such transaction shall be recognized as valid unless within five days after execution a counterpart original of the document shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council and approved by the Commissioner. Penalties may be imposed in case agreements are made which are not embodied in the document as filed, such penalties to be imposed by the Commissioner. Assignments and Optional Agreements shall be promulgated by the Secretary-Treasurer.

(b) There shall be six (6) counterpart originals of all Assignments and Optional Agreements, of which one is to be retained by each of the parties and the others mailed to the following: One copy each to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council, the Secretary of the National Association, the President of the National League and the President of the American League. The counterpart original sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council shall be accompanied by a check for the consideration, which check in the case of a payment due a Minor League club shall be to the order of the Secretary of the National Association.

**Voluntarily
Retired Players.**

Sec. 15. A player who desires to retire from the profession shall, on or before February 1st preceding the playing season in which he shall desire to retire, make written application to his club president, stating fully his reasons therefor. Such player may then be recorded as a "Voluntarily Retired" player with the President of the League. (Amended pursuant to recommendation adopted by Advisory Council at meeting April 17, 1921.)

**Suspended
Players.**

Sec. 16. A club may suspend a player for insubordination or other misconduct, and during the period of suspension the player shall not be entitled to his salary, and shall be ineligible to play with any other club.

**Ineligible
Players.**

Sec. 17. Any player who violates his contract or reservation, or who fails to report to his club within ten days after the opening of the championship season, or who participates in a game with or against a club containing or controlled by ineligible players or a player under indictment for conduct detrimental to the good repute of professional baseball, shall be considered an ineligible player and placed on the "Ineligible" list. The Commissioner may also at any time determine, either of his own motion or at the request of a league or club, that the best interests of the game require a player to be declared ineligible, and after such declaration no club shall be permitted to employ him unless he shall have been reinstated.

Reinstatement. Sec. 18. Any "voluntarily retired" or "ineligible" player may apply for reinstatement, or to have his status changed from the "ineligible" to the "voluntarily retired" list. Such application shall be filed with the President of his Major League, who shall certify the application to the Commissioner, who shall determine whether or not the application shall be granted and who may grant it upon such terms and conditions as the facts may in his judgment warrant. (Amended pursuant to recommendation adopted by Advisory Council at meeting April 17, 1921.)

Disqualification of Player. Sec. 19. Whenever a player has been duly disqualified to serve any Major League club the fact shall be promulgated by the President of the League in which the player was serving at the date of disqualification. Clubs are not required to tender contracts to players whose names appear on their reservation lists as "Voluntarily Retired" or "Ineligible."

Protection of the Player. Sec. 20. (a) A player without previous professional experience who contracts with a Major League club and whose contract is assigned by it without a trial of his skill or within the first season of his service, shall be declared a free agent if the club to which his contract is assigned does not assume the salary stipulated in his original contract to the close of its term.

(b) A club which assigns to another club the contract of a player who is in its active service shall at the time of notifying such player of his transfer deliver to him a railroad and sleeping-car ticket, if the latter is required, to the city designated by the assignee, which club shall forthwith reimburse the assigning club for such transportation.

(c) A player who is in the service of a club for part of a season only shall receive such proportion of the season's salary, or of the monthly salary, multiplied by six, stated in his contract, as the number of days of actual employment bears to the number of days in the season, or the number of days in the season plus the additional number of days for which the player is held, provided he be not held more than six months from the beginning of the season.

(d) A player suspended by a club or league for a term longer than ten days shall have the right of appeal to the Commissioner, who is given authority to order his reinstatement and afford him adequate redress if he holds that the punishment is excessive or not merited.

(e) A club assigning a player's contract to a Minor League club shall be responsible for the player's salary under his contract up to and including the day notice of such assignment is served upon him, and in addition for the number of days' travel required by the player if he promptly reports to the club to which his contract is assigned.

Protection of the Club. Sec. 21. (a) Any agreement between club and player for service, evidenced by written acceptance, whether by letter or telegram, or receipt from player for money advanced to him to bind such agreement, shall be construed to be a contract and held to be binding, provided the player declines to enter into a formal contract; but his refusal to sign such formal contract shall render him disqualified to play with the contracting club or to enter the service of any other club unless released or assigned. The validity of an informal contract, arrangement or agreement between a club and player for the future service of the latter will not be recognized unless the written proof thereof is submitted to the President of the League, within ten days after such agreement is made.

(b) In the event of the death or permanent incapacity of a player, or his retirement from the game, during the interval between Assignment or Optional Agreement and the date of reporting to the assignee club, the agreement shall be void, and the consideration theretofore given by the latter club shall be returned. This rule shall not apply to selected players.

(c) No player may leave the service of his club to become a club owner or manager of another club, whether he does or does not participate in games with such club, unless he shall have secured his release from the club having title to his services. Should such player and his club be unable to agree upon the conditions of his release, the Commissioner shall determine the compensation.

(d) A player, who, during the championship season, par-

ticipates in a game of ball with a club other than the one with which he has contracted, shall be penalized by a fine in such amount as may be determined by the Commissioner.

ARTICLE III.

ADMINISTRATION.

Advisory Council. Section 1. (a) The Advisory Council may formulate rules to facilitate the dispatch of its business not inconsistent with these Major League rules.

(b) The Commissioner and one other member shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Advisory Council. The Commissioner shall always preside. Any questions pending before the Advisory Council may be decided by a mail vote if the members are unanimous with regard to it.

(c) The annual meeting of the Advisory Council shall be held the day following the deciding game of the World's Series and in the city where such game is played. Other meetings may be called by the Commissioner, and a meeting must be called by him if the two League Presidents unite in a request.

Secretary-Treasurer. Sec. 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Secretary of the Advisory Council and shall be entitled to attend its meetings, but without vote. He shall discharge the usual duties of a secretary, and in addition the following: The usual duties of a treasurer, the duties of a recorder of all transactions with players, the duties of a clerk of court when the Commissioner sits to discharge his duties under the Major League Agreement, and such specific duties as these Major League Rules impose upon him and such as the Advisory Council may determine. He shall give bond for the faithful performance of duty in such amount and form and with such surety as the Advisory Council may prescribe.

Finances. Sec. 3. (a) All money received by the Secretary-Treasurer in his official capacity shall be deposited in such accounts as the Advisory Council may direct and the terms of every such deposit shall be such that no check can be honored unless in addition to

the signature of the Secretary-Treasurer it shall bear the counter-signature of the Commissioner. Provided, however, that the Advisory Council may authorize a deposit account for petty disbursements subject to the check of the Secretary-Treasurer.

(b) A monthly financial statement shall be rendered by the Secretary-Treasurer and a copy thereof sent to each member of the Advisory Council. At least once in each year the books shall be audited by a certified public accountant to be designated by the Presidents of the two Leagues, and a copy of his audit shall be sent by him to each club president.

(c) The Advisory Council shall upon its organization and thereafter at its annual meeting prepare a statement of the items of administrative expense for the ensuing year, including the salaries of the Commissioner, the Secretary-Treasurer and all general and special employees, office rent, equipment, accessories and supplies, traveling expenses, printing, postage, telegrams and World Series expenses, together with a contingent fund not to exceed \$10,000. Checks duly countersigned may be drawn for such of these purposes and for such amounts as the Advisory Council may direct. But no checks for items not included in such statement shall be drawn except with the approval of the two Leagues given upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council.

(d) All funds in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be deemed the joint funds of the two Leagues, and the Leagues and their constituent clubs shall upon request of the Advisory Council supply the Secretary-Treasurer with money needed to meet authorized expenditures to the extent that the funds at the disposal of the Advisory Council may at any time prove inadequate.

Bulletins. Sec. 4. The Presidents of the two Leagues shall transmit weekly to the Secretary-Treasurer bulletins of information covering all releases of players, assignments of players' contracts and all other matters of interleague interest or concern. The Secretary-Treasurer shall transmit bulletins weekly to all Major League clubs embracing the foregoing information.

ARTICLE IV. WORLD'S SERIES.

World's Championship. Section 1. The pennant-winning club of the National League and the pennant-winning club of the American League shall meet annually in a series of games for the Professional Base Ball Championship of the World.

The Pennant and Memento. Sec. 2. The emblem of the Professional Base Ball Championship of the World shall be a pennant, to be presented to the victorious club each year, and an appropriate memento, to cost One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, shall be awarded to each player of the victorious club. Both shall be selected by the Commissioner.

Supervision. Sec. 3. The games shall be played under the supervision, control and direction of the Commissioner.

Time. Sec. 4. The event shall take place at the end of the championship season of each year. Nine decisive games shall constitute a complete series.

Place. Sec. 5. (a) The Commissioner shall promulgate a schedule for the event. Four games shall be scheduled in each of the cities of the contesting clubs. The Commissioner shall determine by lot where the first two games shall be played. In case it becomes necessary to play the ninth game to decide the event, the Commissioner shall determine by lot the city in which that game is to be played.

(b) A scheduled game, postponed for legal cause, called before it becomes a regulation game, or terminating with the score tied, shall, unless the schedule explicitly provides to the contrary, be played off on the grounds for which it was scheduled before the succeeding scheduled game for the other city shall be contested, and the dates assigned for subsequent games shall thereupon be moved forward.

Playing Rules. Sec. 6. The games shall be conducted according to the playing rules governing competition for the League pennants.

Eligibility. Sec. 7. To be eligible for the World's Championship Series, a player must be a bona-fide member of a qualifying team under a playing contract, approved and promulgated by the president of the major league of which such club is a member on or before the 31st day of August of that year. Such time limit for eligibility shall also apply to the Major League teams in all other series conducted by the Commissioner. Provided, however, that at the requests of the clubs participating in any series except that for the World's Championship, other players may be permitted to participate in games with the approval of the Commissioner.

Victory. Sec. 8. (a) The clubs shall continue to play each day according to the authorized schedule until one of them has won five games, when the contest shall end.

(b) Both teams that contest in the World's Series are required to disband immediately after its close and the members thereof are forbidden to participate as individuals or as a team in exhibition games during the year in which that World's Championship was decided.

Right to Terminate. Sec. 9. The Commissioner shall have the right to terminate the series at any time that he deems the interest of base ball demands it, and to declare one of the contesting clubs the winner of the championship regardless of previous performances.

Guarantee. Sec. 10. (a) Each of the clubs participating in the World's Series or in any Series under the Commissioner's auspices shall guarantee to the Commissioner in such manner as the latter may prescribe, that it will faithfully carry out all of the provisions of these rules and regulations, and such others as may hereafter be made to govern the games, and that it will not exercise an arbitrary right or privilege of abandoning the series until the championship has been determined.

(b) A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be deposited with him by each qualifying Club three days before the commencement of the Series as a guarantee for the performance of the above undertaking. Such certified check, or so much of its value as the Commissioner may deem adequate, shall be for-

feited and credited to the joint funds of the Leagues if, on investigation, a club is adjudged to have violated any of its obligations.

Umpires. Sec. 11. (a) There shall be four umpires, who shall be invested with the authority and discretion that the playing rules confer, and they shall observe the same general instructions with reference to maintaining order and discipline upon the ball field during these contests that govern them in the performance of their duties in all other games in their respective leagues.

(b) The President of the National League and the President of the American League shall each select two umpires from their respective leagues, and the umpires so chosen shall be assigned to duty by, and be subject to, the orders of the Commissioner.

Expenses. Sec. 12. (a) The expenses of the Commissioner pertaining to these games, the compensation of the umpires, scorers, business representatives, and other miscellaneous and contingent expenses in connection therewith, shall be met by the Commissioner.

(b) The expenses of both Clubs, such as hotel bills and traveling expenses, base balls, advertising, printing of all tickets, policing of grounds, ticket sellers and takers, incidentals, etc., shall be paid by the Club incurring the same. Should any difference arise at any time as to the latter expense, the same shall be submitted to the Commissioner for adjudication, and his finding shall be conclusive.

Rights of the Clubs. Sec. 13. Each contesting club shall preserve its constitutional rights during games played upon its own grounds with reference to the conduct of its business affairs in connection therewith, but the visiting club shall also be allowed whatever representation and facilities it may require to properly protect the interests of the club and its players. Provided, however, that the captain of the home team shall not be accorded the privilege to determine whether the grounds are fit. This authority is delegated to the umpires. If they fail to agree, the umpire whose turn it is to officiate behind the plate will decide as to the condition of the ground.

Rates of Admission. Sec. 14. The rates of admission and the conditions governing the same shall be fixed by and be under the control of the Commissioner.

Division of Receipts. Sec. 15. The receipts from the games shall be divided as follows:

(a) Fifteen per cent of the gross receipts from all games shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer.

(b) Sixty per cent of the balance from the first five games shall form a fund for the players of the contesting teams and of the teams finishing second and third in their respective pennant races, which shall be apportioned and disbursed by the Secretary-Treasurer as follows:

1. Seventy-five per cent of the pool to the eligible players of the teams contesting in the World's Series; sixty per cent of same to go to the winners and forty per cent to the losers.

2. The remaining twenty-five per cent shall be apportioned between the second and third teams in each Major League, sixty per cent thereof to the players of the second teams in each league and forty per cent thereof to go to the players of the teams finishing third in their respective leagues. Provided, however, that the fully prescribed amount shall not be allotted to eligible players who have not been in the actual service of their respective teams for eight weeks or more during the current season. The compensation of such players shall be as may be determined by the Commissioner, with due consideration to the length and value of each of such player's services to his team.

(c) After the fifteen per cent payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, and the sixty per cent which forms the players' pool in the first five games, the balance of the gross receipts shall be equally divided between the two clubs; provided, however, that fifty per cent of the gross receipts received by the two clubs under this division shall be paid by them into the treasuries of the respective leagues of which they are members. Provided further, that if it becomes necessary that the eighth and ninth games are played, or both, then seventy-five per cent of

the gross receipts received by the two clubs under this division shall be paid by them into the treasuries of their respective leagues.

(d) A settlement shall be made by the home club with the representatives of the Commissioner after the close of each game, by turning over to them one check for the gross gate receipts, the same being made payable to the Secretary-Treasurer.

(e) Neither of the contesting clubs shall give or pay a bonus or prize to any or all of its players before or after the completion of the series, and a player released by a club to another club in the same league shall not participate in the proceeds of such series as a present or reward from his former teammates, the releasing club or any of its officials.

Adjustment of Salaries. Sec. 16. In the event that the schedule for a world's championship series extends beyond the players' contract season, then the salaries of the players who properly belong to the contesting clubs shall continue, at the contract rate, to the end of the series of games.

Umpires' Compensation. Sec. 17. The compensation of the four umpires shall be determined by adding together one winning player's and one losing player's share of the pool, and dividing the sum between the umpires equally. The sum so paid shall be disbursed by the Secretary-Treasurer from the funds of the Commissioner.

Free List Suspended. Sec. 18. The free list shall be suspended during the contest, except to representatives of the press and official guests of the Commissioner.

Presentation of Emblem. Sec. 19. The pennant and mementos shall be presented to the victorious club and its players, each year, by the Commissioner, who is authorized to arrange for all of the details of such presentation.

Disputes. Sec. 20. All questions arising out of the playing for the world's championship not provided for herein, nor covered by the Playing Rules, shall be dealt with and decided by the Commissioner.

Miscellaneous Regulations. Sec. 21. (a) The list of eligible players of each team, names of umpires and official scorers and business representatives of the Commissioner, as well as the rates of admission, methods for selling and distributing tickets and such other regulations as may be deemed advisable, shall be included in the Bulletin containing the schedule.

(b) Spectators will not be permitted to encroach or stand on the playing fields at any point, unless the Commissioner grants special authority to do so. A club that plans to accommodate patrons in excess of the regular seating capacity of its plant is required to erect, with the approval of the municipal authorities and permission of the Commissioner, safe, temporary stands or circus seats with a strong railing in front thereof, extending from the grandstand or skirting the outfield. The left or right field emergency seats shall not be less than 235 feet, and the center field seats shall not be less than 300 feet from the home plate.

(c) The sale, distribution of and settlement for tickets will be conducted as follows:

1. Each club shall provide its reserved seat and general admission tickets with rain checks attached.

2. Reserved seat coupon tickets for home games of the selling club shall be sold and distributed prior to the opening of the series at a time and in a manner annually approved by the Commissioner, to meet local conditions.

(d) Prior to the day of the first scheduled game in its city each contesting club shall furnish the representatives of the Commissioner with a numbered diagram of all its reserved seats, whether in permanent or temporary stands, and the settlement therefor by the club with the representatives of the Commissioner shall be on the basis of the difference between the number of unsold tickets and the number listed on such diagram. The count of all tickets sold for each game shall be compared by the

Commissioner's representatives with the turnstile registers, and the home club shall settle for the larger number.

(e) The order in which requests for reserved seat tickets shall be filed is as follows:

1. Forty tickets to the Commissioner for each game, to provide accommodations for Major League officials and others identified with the game.

2. Two hundred reserved seat tickets for each game to the visiting Club, for accommodation of its officials and guests, the same to be paid for by the visiting Club.

3. Two tickets for each eligible player of the visiting team, which shall be delivered to and paid for by each player through the business manager of his club.

4. Requests filed by league and club officials or parties of prominence with the Commissioner or with the Presidents of the two leagues, and approved by them.

5. Requests from daily papers published in a contending city, which conduct a baseball department, not exceeding fifty tickets for each game. Each paper to be required to submit with the request the name, address and number of tickets allotted to each person.

6. Requests from daily papers not published in either of the cities in which the contending clubs are located, which requests have been approved by the Commissioner. These papers also to submit the name, address and number of tickets allotted to each person.

7. Application for tickets for prizes in contests to be conducted by daily papers published in major league cities will not be considered by the Commissioner unless same is filed prior to the commencement of such contest.

**Rules to Apply
to Other Games.**

Sec. 22. These same rules shall apply to all other games played between National and American League clubs upon application being made to the Commissioner, excepting Section 2, it being understood that mementos to

the players of the victorious club, as well as the pennant to be given to the victorious club, shall apply only to the World's Series. All players shall be paid at their contract rate for all games of this character that they are obliged to play after the expiration of their contracts.

ARTICLE V.

SCHEDULES AND PLAYING RULES.

Schedules. Section 1. In each year the League Presidents shall jointly prepare or cause to be prepared a schedule of games for the ensuing pennant race in each Major League. Upon submission of these schedules to each League not later than the second week in February they shall become the official schedules for such Leagues respectively, and no change shall thereafter be made in them without the concurrence of both League Presidents.

Playing Rules. Sec. 2. Upon certificate from either Major Leagues that the Playing Rules require amendment the Commissioner shall notify each League to appoint three uninstructed representatives, who, together with the Commissioner and an uninstructed representative of the National Association, shall constitute the Rules Committee. The Commissioner shall convene the Committee not later than February 15th. Any playing rule may be revised, repealed or adopted by a majority vote and the action of the Committee shall thereupon take effect.

ARTICLE VI.

ENFORCEMENT OF MAJOR LEAGUE RULES.

Penalties Section 1. In case the Commissioner shall determine that a League or a club has violated any of the foregoing Rules, the Commissioner may impose a fine or, in case of a club, may suspend the benefit of any or all of these rules as to such club for a period

not exceeding thirty days. If a fine is imposed the amount thereof shall not exceed \$2,500 in the case of a League, or \$1,000 in the case of a club.

Payment of Fines. Sec. 2. Upon notification of fine it shall become the duty of the League or club to make prompt payment thereof to the Secretary-Treasurer. In case of non-payment the Commissioner may suspend the benefit of any or all of these Rules as respects the League or club in default until such time as payment is made.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBMISSION TO MAJOR LEAGUE RULES.

The foregoing Major League Rules having been proposed by the Advisory Council pursuant to the provisions of the Major League Agreement have been duly accepted by the clubs of both Major Leagues. They are recognized as binding upon both Leagues and upon all their constituent clubs and can be amended only as provided in said Major League Agreement.

KENESAW M. LANDIS,
Commissioner.

B. B. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. HEYDLER,
Major League Advisory Council.

MAJOR-MINOR LEAGUE AGREEMENT

Agreement between the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs and the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, hereinafter called the Major Leagues, of the one part, and the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, herein called the Minor Leagues, of the other part.

ARTICLE I.

RECOGNITION OF THE COMMISSIONER.

- Sec. 1. The Minor Leagues recognize the office of Commissioner as created by the Major League Agreement, and submit themselves to his jurisdiction only to the extent hereinafter specified.
- Sec. 2. In case conduct detrimental to baseball is charged, alleged or suspected, the Commissioner shall have jurisdiction to investigate and determine the facts; upon such determination he may take and impose such preventive, remedial or punitive action as he deems appropriate against any party hereto, any Minor League or Club connected with the National Association, or any individual, as the case may be.
- Sec. 3. Punitive action by the Commissioner may take the form of public reprimand, and in the case of a player a declaration of temporary or permanent ineligibility to play for any Club related to any of the parties hereto.
- Sec. 4. In case of any dispute between the Major

Leagues, or either of them, or any of their Clubs, on the one hand, and the Minor Leagues, or any of them, or any of their Clubs, on the other, either disputant may certify the dispute to the Commissioner for decision, and his determination thereof shall be final.

The National Board of Arbitration of the National Association shall have full and final jurisdiction to hear and determine all disputes and complaints between National Association Clubs and National Association players; between one club member and another; between Associations and Clubs; provided, however, that in cases where a player's financial claim amounts to \$300 or more, or the player claims to be a free agent, an appeal may be taken to the Commissioner; but in order to perfect such appeal, the appealing player shall give written notice of his appeal to the Secretary of the National Association, and the opposing parties to the controversy within thirty days after the opinion from which the player appeals shall have been rendered.

The National Board's decision shall be final over any and all players' claims to a lesser amount than \$300.

- Sec. 5. In case of any such dispute as is contemplated by Sec. 4 of this Article, a representative designated by the Minor Leagues shall be entitled to appear before the Commissioner and be heard upon the pending question.

ARTICLE II.

RECOGNITION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

- Sec. 1. The Minor Leagues recognize the official existence of the Advisory Council as created by the

Major League Agreement, but subject to its jurisdiction only to the extent set forth herein. In Major and Minor League matters, the Minor Leagues shall be represented by two members on the Advisory Council, to be designated by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

- Sec. 2. The Advisory Council shall forthwith prepare and submit to the Major and Minor Leagues the following proposals for adoption:
- (a) Rules to regulate all contacts between the Major and the Minor Leagues and all matters in which said Leagues have an interest.
 - (b) Rules to determine the relationships between players and clubs, and between Clubs and Clubs, in all cases which concern players or their contracts, a standard form of player's contract and such other formal documents as may, from time to time, be deemed desirable.
- Sec. 3. The Advisory Council may, from time to time, propose to the Major and Minor Leagues amendments to the foregoing for adoption.

ARTICLE III.

UNIFORM RULES.

- Sec. 1. Any rules, regulations or standard forms proposed as above by the Advisory Council shall, upon formal acceptance by the Major and Minor Leagues, become binding upon them, and shall not thereafter be amended, except by the concurrent action of said Leagues.
- Sec. 2. Amendments to rules, regulations and standard forms, after they have become operative, shall be

subject to further amendment only as provided in Sec. 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE IV.

SUBMISSION TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSIONER.

- Sec. 1. The Major and Minor Leagues severally agree to be bound by the decisions of the Commissioner, rendered in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, and severally waive such right of recourse to the Courts as would otherwise have existed in their favor.
- Sec. 2. The form of player's contract to be proposed to the Major and Minor Leagues by the Advisory Council, and all contracts between Minor Leagues or Minor League Clubs, and their officers and employees, shall contain a clause by which the parties agree to submit themselves to the discipline of the Commissioner and to his decisions rendered in accordance with this agreement.

ARTICLE V.

PROMOTION AND SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

- Sec. 1. The selection prices by Major Leagues shall be as follows:

From Class AA.....	\$5,000
From Class A	4,000
From Class B	2,500
From Class C	1,500
From Class D	1,000

Selection to commence on October 15 of each year. One man only shall be selected from each

Class AA Club. One man only shall be selected from each Class A Club. For Classes AA and A, fifty per cent of selection payment to be made immediately; second payment on May 1st following, if player held. If returned, no refund of first payment.

Any League so desiring may be exempt from the selection, but cannot select from National Association Clubs. The selection from Classes B, C, and D is unrestricted; immediate full payment in cash.

No cancellation of selections.

The selection being a fixed fundamental law is not subject to change in prices excepting with the consent of the National Association.

If all the Minor Leagues agree to operate under the Major-Minor League Selection Rules, then the Major Leagues agree to sign only college players from among players outside of organized baseball, but should any of the Minor Leagues decline to subscribe to the Major-Minor League Selection Rules, then the Major League Clubs reserve the right to sign any free agents, be they college players, semi-professional or independent players.

ARTICLE VI.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT.

Sec. 1. This agreement shall remain in force as long as the Hon. Kenesaw M. Landis continues to hold the office of Commissioner.

Executed by the parties hereto at Chicago, Illinois, this 14th day of January, 1921.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,
By John A. Heydler, President,
and
THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,
By B. B. Johnson, President,
Parties of the First Part.
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL
LEAGUES,
By M. H. Sexton, President,
J. H. Farrell, Secretary,
Party of the Second Part.

MAJOR-MINOR LEAGUE RULES.

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ARTICLE I.

Circuits.

Compensation. Section 1. No city in which a club of the National Association is located shall be included in the circuit of a Major League unless such League shall pay to the League in the National Association of which such city may be a member, the sum of \$5,000.00, and unless the Major League club in question shall pay to the Minor League club in the said city such reasonable compensation for damage to its assets as may be determined by agreement or fixed by the Commissioner.

Protection of Major League Circuits. Sec. 2. To insure as far as possible the continuance of Major League baseball in cities now able to support it, the existing circuits of the Minor Leagues shall not be so changed as to include any city in a Major League Circuit or any place within five miles thereof without the written consent of the League concerned.

ARTICLE II.

PLAYERS.

Uniform Contract. Section 1. To preserve morale and to produce the similarity of conditions necessary to keen competition, the contract between all clubs and their players shall be in a single form which shall be prescribed by the Advisory Council. No club shall make a contract different from the uniform contract, and no club shall make a contract containing a non-reserve clause except permission be first secured from the Advisory Council in case of a Major League player, or from the National Board if a Minor League player. The making of any agreement between a club and a player not embodied in the contract shall subject both parties to discipline by the

Commissioner or the National Board. Contracts must be tendered to all Major League players on or before February 15th, and to all Minor League players on or before March 1st. All players shall upon or before reporting for duty sign the standard form of contract adopted by the Advisory Council.

Reservation. Sec. 2. To preserve discipline and to prevent the weakening of competition through enticement of players, no club shall employ a player who is under contract with another club or has broken his contract with another club or with whom another club has reserved the right of renewal; provided in the latter case that the reserving club is not indebted to the player for arrears of salary.

Salary Limits. Sec. 3. To prevent undue concentration of playing talent, the National Association shall establish and enforce a schedule of salary limits in all Minor Leagues of classifications subordinate to AA.

Number of Players Limited. Sec. 4. Since the supply of skilled players is not equal to the demand the Major Leagues shall strictly observe their own rule imposing a limitation upon the number of players in their clubs and the Minor League clubs shall likewise be limited in accordance with the provisions of the following schedule:

Major Leagues shall not have title to more than 40 players at any time, including players under option, contract or reservation (Vol. Retired and Ineligible players excepted), which number must be reduced to 25 active players between May 15th and August 31st.

Class "AA" clubs shall not have title to more than 35 players under option, contract or reservation at any time (Vol. Retired and Ineligible players excepted), which number must be reduced to 25 active players within 30 days after the opening of the season to the 25th day of August of each year.

Class "A." For 20 days after opening of season, 30 players; thereafter 23 players until August 25.

Class "B." For 20 days after opening of season, 20 players; thereafter 15 players until August 25.

Class "C." For 20 days after opening of season, 20 players; thereafter 14 players until August 25.

Class "D." For 20 days after opening of season, 18 players; thereafter 14 players until August 25.

**Reservation
List.**

Sec. 5. On or before October 1st in each year every Minor League club shall transmit to the Secretary of the National Association, and on or before November 1st every Major League club shall transmit to their respective League Presidents a list of not exceeding the scheduled number of active and eligible players the club desires to reserve for the ensuing season, and also a list of players who have voluntarily retired or are under suspension or who are ineligible because of failure to respect a reservation or sign or fulfill a contract in pursuance thereof. On or before November 15 the Major League Presidents and the Secretary of the National Association shall transmit all of said lists to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council. The latter shall thereupon promulgate all Major League lists and the Secretary of the National Association all Minor League lists, and thereafter no player on any list shall be eligible to play for any other club until his contract has been assigned or until he has been released.

Selection.

Sec. 6. Between October 15th and October 20th in any year a Major League club may indicate a player in good standing in any club included in the National Association which has accepted the system of selection, an assignment of whose contract is desired, and if the conditions hereinafter specified are complied with, it shall become the duty of the club in question to assign the contract as requested.

**Method of
Selection.**

Sec. 7. (a) The club desiring the assignment shall give notice through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council to the Secretary of the National Association. Through the same channel payment shall be made of the consideration for the assignment in accordance with the terms of Article V of the Major-Minor League Agreement.

(b) The consideration thus paid shall be accounted for by the Secretary of the National Association to the

club with which the selected player is under contract, said secretary being authorized to deduct therefrom the amount of all valid claims or liens against the club or territory. In case of such deduction it shall become the duty of said Secretary to make payment of the deducted sum to the party entitled thereto.

(c) The system of selecting Minor League players by Major League clubs shall be as follows:

There shall be sixteen selections numbered from 1 to 16, which shall be awarded to the sixteen Major League clubs in the following manner:

The National League and the American League shall determine, by lot, which league shall have the odd numbered selections and which the even numbered for 1921, and reverse annually thereafter. The League securing the odd numbers shall award selection No. 1 to their eighth place club, No. 3 to the seventh place club, and so on up to the leading club of their league which shall receive selection No. 15. The League securing the even numbers shall award selection No. 2 to their eighth place club, No. 4 to the seventh place club, and so on up to the leading club of their League which shall receive selection No. 16.

The sixteen Major League clubs shall, as their numbers are announced in numerical order, have the right to make a free selection of one player (naming player, club and league) from any club in a Minor League which has accepted the system of selection. When the club holding No. 16 has exercised its right of selection, then the process of selection shall be repeated. When a club's list of eligible players, including those thus selected, shall total 40, then said club shall have no further right of selection. A club having announced its selection in proper order cannot thereafter cancel the same.

Compliance with Selection. Sec. 8. The club whose duty it is to assign a player selected in accordance with the foregoing rules shall upon request execute and deliver to the selecting club such form of assignment as the assignee may indicate.

"Covering Up." Sec. 9. No agreement shall be made between a Major League club and a Minor League club for the reassignment of the contract of a se-

lected player after the expiration of the period of selection. If the Commissioner shall be of opinion that any such agreement has been made and has retarded a player from advancing in his profession, he may impose an adequate fine upon each party to such agreement.

Time Limit on Transfers. Sec. 10. The transfer of the services of a player by a Minor League club to a Major League club or by one Minor League club to another Minor League club after September 15th and until November 5th, inclusive, is prohibited.

Exemption from Selection Rule. Sec. 11. (a) A Minor League which does not desire to accept the system of selection shall serve notice to that effect on the Commissioner on or before February 15, 1921, such notice to be transmitted through the office of the Secretary of the National Association. In default of such notice a Minor League shall be deemed to have accepted the system of selection.

(b) After serving notice, the clubs in such League shall not be subject to the operation of said system, nor shall any club in such League acquire by assignment the contract of any selected player until the expiration of a year from the date of selection.

Return of Selected Players. Sec. 12. (a) A Major League club desiring to assign the contract of a selected player to a Minor League club within one year of his selection, shall first tender, through the proper channels, the assignment to such Minor League clubs of higher classification as have accepted the system of selection; and if the tender be not accepted, then to the club from which the player was taken.

(b) A Minor League club deciding to accept such a tender as is provided for in the preceding sub-section must pay to the Major League club a sum equal to the original selection price in all cases in which the selected player came from a Class B club or a club of lower classification. In case the player came from a Class AA or Class A club, the Minor League club must pay to the Major League club a sum equal to 75 per cent. of the original selection price if the same has been paid in full, or in case the first installment only has been paid, must pay to the Minor

League club from which the player came the amount of the deferred installment. The sum payable by the Minor League club must in all cases be paid within 48 hours from receipt of notice of assignment, payment to be made to the Secretary of the National Association for account of the club to which the payment is due.

(c) To carry out the provisions of this Rule a Minor League club desiring the reassignment of the contract of a selected player, shall notify the Secretary of the National Association to such effect on or before February 15th. In default of such notice, Major League clubs shall have unrestricted opportunity to release or assign the contracts of selected players who, after trial of their skill, may fail to come up to the required standard of play.

Optional Sec. 13. (a) Assignments of players' contracts by Major League to Minor League clubs must in general be absolute assignments, but in a limited number of cases as specified in sub-section (b) below, a Major League club may reserve a right of recall. Such assignments shall be known as Optional Agreements, and shall be permitted for not more than two successive seasons in the case of any one player. The consideration shall not be less than \$300 for a Major League player and \$100 between all National Association clubs. All such agreements involving a Major League player shall be approved by the Commissioner, and all Minor League Agreements by the Secretary of the National Association.

(b) The number of cases in which such Optional Agreements may be made is limited as follows:

Eight players by each Major League Club.

Six players by each Class "AA" Club.

Five players by each Class "A" Club.

Four players by each Class "B" Club.

Three players by each Class "C" Club.

(c) The right of recall must be exercised on or before September 15th annually. No player shall be released optionally between September 15th and the close of the Major League and Minor League respective selection periods.

(d) If the club accepting a player under an Optional Agreement does not desire to retain him, it may assign

his contract to another club, subject to such option; but before such player may be released outright the Major League Club holding the option shall be given five days' notice of such intention, and on its failure to at once recall the player, its right to reclaim him under the Optional Agreement shall be forfeited, and the player shall become a free agent. The Minor League club's responsibility for the salary of a player accepted by it under an Optional Agreement shall cease at the expiration of the five days' notice to the Major League club of its intention to release such player.

(e) A club which exercises a right of recall shall be responsible to the player for any arrearage in salary to him from the club from which he is recalled, which shall be repaid to the club settling the player's claim before membership shall be renewed to the city of the defaulting club.

(f) A player recalled under an Optional Agreement shall not be entitled to salary beyond the season of the assigning club from the club recalling him unless he reports to the latter by its direction.

(g) A club which during the period of its training season or after the beginning of the term of its contract with a player makes an Optional Agreement with a club whose championship season commences after that of the assigning club must pay him at the rate of his assigned contract from the time it would have become effective but for the assignment up to the day his salary starts with his new club; provided the player promptly reports to and gives service to the club to which his contract is assigned.

(h) All right or claim of a Major League club to a player, unless it be under an Optional Agreement approved by the Commissioner, shall cease when such player becomes a member of a Minor League club, and no arrangement between clubs for the loan or return of a player other than by an approved Optional Agreement shall be binding between the parties to it, or recognized by other clubs. This rule shall apply to all classifications.

**Form of
Agreements.**

Sec. 14. (a) The Advisory Council shall prescribe the form of Assignments and of Optional Agreements, and no such transaction shall be recognized as valid unless within five days

after execution a counterpart original of the document shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council and approved by the Commissioner, or in transactions concerning only Minor League clubs with the Secretary of the National Association. Penalties may be imposed in case Agreements are made which are not embodied in the document as filed, such penalties to be imposed by the Commissioner when one or more Major League clubs are concerned and by the National Board when Minor League clubs only are concerned. All Agreements between Major League and Minor League clubs shall be recorded and promulgated by both the Secretaries of the Advisory Council and National Association.

(b) There shall be six (6) counterpart originals of all Assignments and Optional Agreements, of which one is to be retained by each of the parties and the others mailed to the following: One copy each to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council, the Secretary of the National Association, the President of the National League and the President of the American League. The counterpart original sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council shall be accompanied by a check for the consideration which check in the case of a payment due a Minor League club shall be to the order of the Secretary of the National Association.

ARTICLE III.

PROTECTION OF PLAYERS AND CLUBS.

Protection of Players. Section 1. (a) The amount of a club's indebtedness to its players shall become a lien against the city it represents, and league membership shall not be extended to any club in said city until such debts are settled.

(b) A contract "for the season" without specifying dates, signed by a player after the adoption of a schedule of the league of which his club is a member, is binding for the full term of such schedule, although the league may subsequently shorten it.

(c) A player without previous professional experience who contracts with a Major or Minor League club and whose contract is assigned by it without a trial of his skill or within the first season of his service, shall be

declared a free agent if the club to which his contract is assigned does not assume the salary stipulated in his original contract to the close of its term.

(d) A Major League club which assigns a player's contract to a Minor League club within fifteen days of the end of the latter's championship season will be required to pay the player his full salary under his Major League contract for the rest of its term at the time of the assignment, less the amount of salary the player could earn with the assignee club in case he reported forthwith to such club.

(e) A club which, after the commencement of its championship season, assigns a player's contract to a club whose championship season commences after that of the assigning club, must pay him at the rate of his assigned contract up to the day his salary with his new club begins, provided the player promptly reports to the latter.

(f) A Major League club assigning a player's contract to a Minor League club shall be responsible for the player's salary under his contract up to and including the day notice of such assignment is served upon him, and in addition for the number of days' travel required by the player if he promptly reports to the club to which his contract is assigned. A player who has failed to maintain Major League standard of play and whose contract is so assigned to a Minor League club, must expect a readjustment of salary in conformity to the salary limit of the club to which he is transferred. This rule shall apply to all classifications.

(g) A Major League club assigning the contract of a player in its active service to a Minor League club shall, at the time of notifying such player of his transfer, deliver to him a railroad and sleeping-car ticket (if the latter be required), to the city designated by the assignee, and the Minor League club shall within ten days reimburse the assigning club for such transportation.

**Protection
of Clubs.**

**"Terms
Accepted."**

Sec. 2. Any agreement between club and player for service, evidenced by written acceptance, whether by letter or telegram, or receipt from player for money advanced to him to bind such agreement, shall be construed to be a contract and held to be binding, provided the player declines to enter into a formal contract; but his

refusal to sign such formal contract shall render him disqualified to play with the contracting club or to enter the service of any Major or Minor League club unless released. The validity of an informal contract, arrangement or agreement between a club and player for the future service of the latter will not be recognized unless the written proof thereof is submitted to the president of the interested club's league if a Major League or to the Secretary of the National Association if a Minor League, within ten days after such agreement is made, for promulgation in the next official bulletin.

Sec. 3. In the event of the death or permanent incapacity of a player, or his bona-fide retirement from the game, during the interval between assignment or Optional Agreement and the date of reporting to the assignee club, the agreement shall be void, and the consideration theretofore given by the latter club shall be returned. This rule shall not apply to selected players.

Sec. 4. Major League clubs shall pay their players' traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations and meals en route, from their homes to the training camp. Minor League clubs which train at home are not required to pay the traveling expenses of players when reporting.

Sec. 5. A player who, during the championship season, participates in a game of base ball with a club other than the one with which he has contracted, shall be penalized by a fine in such amount as may be determined by the Commissioner in case of a Major League player, or by the National Board if a Minor League player.

ARTICLE IV.

VOLUNTARILY RETIRED, SUSPENDED AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS.

Voluntarily Retired Players.

Section 1. A player who desires to retire from the profession shall, on or before February 1st preceding the playing season in which he shall desire to retire, make written application to his club president, stating fully his reasons therefor. Such player may then be recorded as a "Voluntarily Retired" player with the President of the League

if a Major League player, and with the Secretary of the National Association if a Minor League player. Should such player during his retirement play with or against a club containing one or more ineligible players, he shall thereby become and remain ineligible unless and until reinstated as hereinafter provided. (Amended pursuant to recommendation adopted by Advisory Council at meeting April 17, 1921.)

Ineligible Players. Sec. 2. Any player who violates his contract or reservation, or who fails to report to his club within ten days after the opening of the championship season, or who participates in a game with or against a club containing or controlled by ineligible players or a player under indictment for conduct detrimental to the good repute of professional baseball, shall be considered an ineligible player and placed on the "ineligible" list. (Amended pursuant to recommendation adopted by Advisory Council at meeting April 17, 1921.)

Suspended Players. Sec. 3. A player who fails to report to the reserving club, or who is suspended during the season for insubordination or failure to observe the rules of his club, shall be considered a suspended player and placed on the "Suspended" list. Such suspension may be lifted by the club president on notice of same to the President of the Major League or the Secretary of the National Association, as the case may be.

Player's Right of Appeal. Sec. 4. A player suspended by a club or league for a term longer than ten days shall have the right of appeal, if a Major League player, to the Commissioner, who is given authority to order his reinstatement and afford him adequate redress if he holds that the punishment is excessive or not merited. In case of a Minor League player, he shall have right of appeal to the National Board.

Reinstatement. Sec. 5. Any "voluntarily retired" or "ineligible" player may apply for reinstatement, or to have his status changed from the "ineligible" to the "voluntarily retired" list. In the case of a Minor League player, such application shall be filed with the Secretary of the National Association. If a Major League

player, or a player reserved by a Major League club or held by a Minor League club under optional assignment from a Major League club, such application shall be filed with the President of such Major League, who shall certify the application to the Commissioner. Such application may be granted upon such terms and conditions as the facts may warrant in the judgment of the National Board or the Commissioner, as the case may be. (Amended pursuant to recommendation adopted by Advisory Council at meeting April 17, 1921.)

Contracts Sec. 6. Clubs are not required to tender con-
Not to Be tracts to players whose names appear on their
Tendered. reservation lists as "Voluntarily Retired" or "Ineligible."

ARTICLE V.

UNIFORM PLAYING RULES.

Revision Section 1. In order to maintain uniform
of. standard of play, the Official Playing Rules of Professional Baseball as now in force are accepted. On notice from either Major League to the Commissioner that the Playing Rules require amendment, the Commissioner shall notify each League to appoint three uninstructed representatives who, together with the Commissioner and an uninstructed representative of the National Association, shall constitute a Rules Committee. The Commissioner shall convene the Committee not later than February 15th. Any playing rule may be revised, repealed or adopted by a majority vote and the action of the Committee shall thereupon take effect.

ARTICLE VI.

ACCEPTANCE AND AMENDMENT.

Section 1. The foregoing Rules have been accepted by the Major and Minor Leagues. The Advisory Council may propose Amendments from time to time for the concurrent action of the Major and Minor Leagues.

KENESAW M. LANDIS, Commissioner.

B. B. JOHNSON,

JOHN A. HEYDLER,

M. H. SEXTON,

J. H. FARRELL,

Advisory Council.

RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Formulated by the Commissioner and announced pursuant to the Major League Agreement, and the Major and Minor League Agreement.

Hearings. 1. All hearings shall be public unless privacy be requested by all parties to the dispute or unless in unusual cases the Commissioner may order an executive session.

Notice. 2. Written notice of the time and place of hearings shall be given under the direction of the Commissioner.

Cases of Discipline. 3. When any person or organization is summoned to appear before the Commissioner on a charge which, if sustained, may justify disciplinary or punitive action, a written specification of the charge, together with the name of the person or organization preferring the same, shall in all cases be furnished as long before the hearing as the nature of the case permits.

Appearance. 4. In all cases the persons or organizations concerned in the pending matter shall be entitled to appear before the Commissioner in person, or by representative. In the case of the Major Leagues the League Presidents shall always be entitled to represent their organizations. In case of dispute between a Major League Club and a Minor League Club a representative designated by the Minor Leagues shall be entitled to appear.

Proceedings. 5. Proceedings before the Commissioner shall be conducted in general like judicial proceedings and with due regard for all the principles of natural justice and fair play; but the Commissioner may proceed informally whenever the case is such that unusual expedition is necessary.

Proofs. 6. (a) The Commissioner will in general follow the established rules of evidence but may depart from them in cases in which the ends of justice will in his judgment best be subserved by so doing. He may

receive and consider affidavits if there is good reason for the non-appearance of the affiants.

(b) In the case of all persons or organizations who have accorded recognition to the office and authority of the Commissioner a summons by him to appear either as a party or as a witness shall be binding upon the person or official to whom directed and upon whom served. Failure to respond to the summons or to produce the documents which it may specify will be treated by the Commissioner as conduct detrimental to the best interests of the National game and penalties will be imposed by him pursuant to the terms of the Major League Agreement, and of the Major and Minor League Agreement, as the case may be.

(c) The Commissioner, when he deems it proper, may direct testimony to be taken at convenient places before a notary public or other officer and in such cases will proceed substantially as if in a judicial proceeding testimony were being taken on open commission.

Record. 7. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council will assist the Commissioner in matters pending before him and will preserve all documents entrusted to him. Stenographic reports of hearings may be made at the discretion of the Commissioner. Notification of all action will be given under direction of the Commissioner to all parties in interest, and public statements will be made by him in all cases wherein his judgment publicity is either necessary or proper.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, adopted at Chicago, September 6, 1901. Revised and adopted at New York, October 24, 1901. Revised at St. Louis, October 22, 23, 24, 1903. Revised at New York, October 25, 26, 27, 1904. Revised at Chicago, January 9, 10, 1906. Revised at New York, January 8, 9, 10, 1907. Revised at New York, October 29, 30, 31, 1907. Revised at Chicago, November 10, 11, 12, 1908. Revised at Memphis, November 9, 10, 11, 12, 1909. Revised at Chicago, November 15, 16, 17, 1910. Revised at San Antonio, November 15, 16, 17, 18, 1911; at Milwaukee, November 12, 13, 14, 1912; at Columbus, November 11, 12, 13, 1913; at Omaha, November 10, 11, 12, 1914; at San Francisco, November 9, 10, 11, 12, 1915; at New Orleans, November 14, 15, 16, 1916; Louisville, Ky., November 13, 14, 15, 1917; Peoria, Ill., November 12, 13, 14, 1918; Springfield, Mass., November 11, 12, 13, 1919; at Kansas City, Mo., November 9, 10, 11, 1920; at Chicago, January 11, 12, 13, 1921.

ARTICLE I.

This instrument shall be called "The National Association Agreement of Professional Baseball Leagues."

ARTICLE II.

Objects. The objects of this Agreement are:

1. To perpetuate baseball as the national game of America, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

2. To promote and afford protection to such professional baseball leagues and associations as may desire to operate under its provisions.

3. To promote and protect the interests of Minor League ball players and to secure to players advancement in their profession for skill and expertness.

ARTICLE III.

Governing Power. The governing power under this Agreement, which shall be called "The National Board of Arbitration," shall be vested in seven representatives selected by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, two of whom shall be chosen from Class AA Leagues, two from Class A, and one each from Class B, C, and D, with the President and Secretary ex-officio members of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.

The Annual Meeting. Section 1. The annual meeting of the National Association shall be held on the first Tuesday in December of each year; the place of meeting to be designated by the National Association at its preceding annual meeting, but must be held in a city in which a club member is located, at which time the representatives shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and seven members of the National Board of Arbitration (Secretary and Treasurer, at expiration of his term of ten years, and President, Vice-President and seven members of the National Board of Arbitration, at the expiration of their respective terms from November, 1920), and transact such other business as may properly be brought before it. The Secretary of the National Association shall be Chairman ex-officio of the National Board of Arbitration with power to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The annual meeting shall select a member of the Playing Rules Committee.

The President and the Secretary of the National Association shall constitute the National Association's two members on the Major-Minor League Advisory Council.

Sec. 2. Each League member shall be entitled to one vote in the meetings of the National Association, the President of the League to cast the vote of the League unless the delegates present from that league shall select some other person from their number, who shall have the right to cast the vote. Proxies evidenced by writing or telegraph shall be recognized.

On or before the 25th day of October the Presidents of the respective clubs of the National Association must sub-

mit to the Presidents of their respective leagues the names of the officers or directors of their clubs who will be entitled to admission to the meetings of the National Association. The Presidents of the Leagues will in turn mail said lists to the Secretary of the National Association in time to reach that office by November 1st. All persons so certified shall be entitled to seats on the floor and to participate in the deliberations of the meeting, but no other persons shall have such privileges without having first obtained the approval of their credentials by a majority vote of the Association.

No amendment to the Constitution shall be considered unless presented in writing to the Secretary at or prior to the beginning of the session at which it is to be considered, except by unanimous consent.

Duties of the President. Sec. 3. (a) The President shall preside at all meetings, issue all calls therefor, and at all meetings of this Association where a tie vote shall have been cast, shall himself cast the deciding vote.

(b) The President shall, whenever it may be deemed necessary, visit any League or Club member of this Association, and is authorized to demand the books, records and all other documents of said League or Club for the purpose of examining the salary roll, Class AA excepted; and in case of violation of the salary limit, the President is authorized to impose a fine according to Article 13.

(c) The President is authorized and directed to maintain a strict supervision over all clubs to prevent open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, or in any building owned or controlled by it, and to investigate any rumor charging any player with offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball or of betting upon any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

The President is also directed to take cognizance and investigate any connection of the gambling evil in any respect in connection with the game of baseball, and to recommend to the proper authorities ways and means for the suppression of same where the suppression comes under the jurisdiction of the local, State or Federal authorities.

(d) The President is authorized to negotiate with and visit, if necessary, the heads of industrial and independent clubs and leagues with a view of entering into signed agreements with said clubs and leagues for the protection of contracts and informal agreements, including reservation of players affiliated with National Association Club members.

(e) The President shall appoint a Board of Control of three members, of which he shall be one, acting as Chairman, and the Presidents of the two Leagues from which the contending clubs are drawn, to have charge of all Inter-League post-season series.

(f) If, when traveling about, the President shall find any player under contract with any Club who shall be playing with another Club under an assumed name, he shall order said player to report forthwith to the Club holding his contract.

Vacancies. Sec. 4. In case of a vacancy in any of these offices, the same shall be filled by the National Board until the next annual meeting.

Special Meetings. Sec. 5. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or upon the request to him in writing, of seven or more Leagues. No business other than that specified in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting.

Executive Session. Sec. 6. At least one session of each annual meeting shall be devoted to executive business.

Sec. 7. The President and Secretary shall be made members ex-officio of all important committees.

ARTICLE V.

Duties and Authority of the National Board. Sec. 1. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies, as hereinafter provided, and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement are each and severally conferred upon and committed to the National Board of Arbitration.

Sec. 2. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its members and officers, its methods of procedure, and the general transaction of its business.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Board, and it shall have full and final jurisdiction (no member of said Board shall sit or vote in the trial of a cause in which his League is interested, nor shall any motion relating to any controversy before the Board be made or vote thereon be taken while any of the parties to said controversy are present) to hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another; members of the same or different associations; between National Association Clubs and National Association players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under, and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National Association Agreement or the disposition of the rights thereunder, and may hold special meetings for these purposes when required. The Board shall have power also to pass upon any question brought before it by a club member or members of any organization in the National Association where unjust discrimination has been made against any club or clubs, and if, upon a hearing, the Board finds that such charge or charges are true, it shall have the power to impose such fines or penalties as it deems proper, or to forfeit and terminate the privileges of such organization under this Agreement.

Power to Sec. 4. In the performance of its duties
Impose Fines. the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon National Association clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Association Agreement in any instance in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game, or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Association Agreement.

Decision Sec. 5. Its decision shall be final over any
Final. and all matters within its jurisdiction.

Its decision shall be final in any and all matters wherein controversies between clubs or leagues or

National Association players shall be at issue, and it shall have original jurisdiction in all claims made by players; provided, however, in cases where a player's financial claim amounts to \$300 or more, or the player claims to be a free agent, an appeal may be taken by the player to the Commissioner, but in order to perfect said appeal, the appealing player shall give written notice of his appeal to the Secretary of the National Association and the opposing parties to the controversy within thirty days after the opinion from which the player appeals shall have been rendered. The Board's decision shall be final over any and all players' claims of a lesser amount than \$300.

Reinstate-ments. Sec. 6. It may remit fines and penalties and reinstate any person or body suspended, under rules laid down by the National Board.

Assessments. Sec. 7. It shall have the power to make such reasonable assessments upon National Association clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforcement of this Agreement.

Rules and Regulations. Sec. 8. It may make all orders, rules and regulations for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its power, and to accomplish the purpose in view, may amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, notice of all changes, amendments or supplements be given to all organizations party to this Agreement, by mailing a copy thereof to each club in every league having membership in this Association.

Decisions Promulgated. Sec. 9. It may cause its proceedings or rulings, or any other part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be prescribed.

Presentation of Claims. Sec. 10. Whenever any body or person shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board, it shall be presented within one year of the occurrence of the act, or of the maturity of the claim, to the Secretary by a con-

cise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support thereof. If such answer is not received by the Secretary within fifteen days of said notice, judgment by default may be rendered. In the event of any league, club, or individual being in default on any obligation, the Secretary of the National Association is hereby authorized to deduct the amount and adjust said claim from any moneys passing through his hands to the credit of said defaulting league, club, or individual.

Provided that a manager or player who has a claim against a club shall first file his claim against the club with the president of the league of which the club is a member. The President shall, within five days, rule on such claim and notify the claimant of the decision. Either party may appeal from the ruling of the President to the National Board in the same manner that other claims are filed with the National Board of Arbitration.

When any finding of the National Board shall have been made in favor of any player or member of this organization, against a member of this organization, the Secretary shall immediately notify the member against which the judgment has been rendered, which member shall make settlement in full within fifteen days. If the settlement is not made within fifteen days, a cumulative fine of ten per cent per month shall be added to the claim, and if the amount of the claim and penalty be not paid within 30 days from date of the finding and notice, protection shall be withdrawn from the offending member.

Territorial Liens. Sec. 11. Unpaid salaries of players and debts due one club from another for sale of players and League dues and National Association dues shall become liens upon the territory where they were contracted and must be paid before protection can again be granted to that territory.

ARTICLE VI.

League Membership. Sec. 1. An application for membership and protection under this Agreement must be made in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the National Association. If

made by telegraph it must state the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit, and have the signature of the President of the League, which must be followed within ten days by a written application to the Secretary of the National Association, stating the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit, the representatives of the respective cities, the location of their business offices and playing grounds, if practicable, the monthly salary limit for its club teams and a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under this Agreement; its own Constitution and By-Laws and its other contractual obligations, which club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, Constitution, Agreements, By-Laws and pledges shall not, after approval by the National Board, be changed, modified, altered or released, without notifying the Board, which may within ten days thereafter refuse to ratify such change, alteration or release.

Sec. 2. Any league applying for and being accepted into membership in this Association must be in existence as a playing organization for a full season before such league shall be entitled to vote in the affairs of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

Classification of Membership. The Board upon the receipt of an application for protection and membership under this Agreement, shall, after consideration and approval, determine the class under which the applicant shall be admitted, the said classification to be based upon the aggregate population of the cities composing the League, according to the last official Federal census preceding the application, and membership fee shall be an amount fixed by the National Association for the Leagues of that class.

Classification of Leagues to Be Governed by the Aggregate Population of the Cities Proper Represented.

Class AA	1,750,000
Class A	1,000,000
Class B	250,000 to 1,000,000
Class C	150,000 to 250,000
Class D up to	150,000

ARTICLE VIII.

League Representation. Sec. 1. Each League shall be entitled to one representative of its own selection, who shall have the right to appear before the Board upon any or all matters pertaining to its interest or welfare, but the Board may, at its discretion, invite additional representation in the adjustment of any matter which may be brought up before it.

Sec. 2. The President of each League or someone whom he may designate shall appear before the Commissioner in case of disputes involving any of his League clubs.

ARTICLE IX.

Fee for Protection and Membership. Section 1. The fee for membership and protection under this Agreement, with the right of reservation, subject to Articles 10 and 11, shall be:

For each club in Class AA, the sum of \$250.

For each club in Class A, the sum of \$150.

For each club in Class B, the sum of \$75.

For each club in Class C, the sum of \$50.

For each club in Class D, the sum of \$30.

Such payments to be made within thirty days from the date of filing the written application for membership and annually thereafter on or before the first day of September in each year.

Sec. 2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to deduct two per cent (2%) of the purchase price of players, same to include optional agreement and drafted players. All sales papers must pass through the Secretary's office in order to be legal.

ARTICLE X.

Promotion of Players by Selection. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession and to assist in building up Leagues, a club of a higher class shall have the right, after October 23 of each year, to select players from a League in a lower class during the following period:

Class AA—October 23, 24, 25.

Class A—October 27, 28, 29.

Class B—October 30, 31, November 1.

Class C—October 30, 31, November 1.

Upon the payment to the Secretary of the National Association the sum specified in Article XI.

ARTICLE XI.

Terms for Selection of Players. Section 1. Clubs from a higher class selecting players from Leagues of a lower class shall pay to the Secretary of the Board for the benefit and account of the club from which the selection is made, the following sums, viz.:

Class AA shall pay for players in Class A, \$3,000.

Class A shall pay for players in Class B, \$1,800.

Class B shall pay for players in Class C, \$900.

Class C shall pay for players in Class D, \$500.

Cancellations of drafts are not permitted and payment must be in cash.

Class AA shall draft from Class A only, and only one man from each club in Class A.

Class A shall draft from Class B only, and the draft shall be unrestricted.

Class B shall draft from Class C only, and the draft shall be unrestricted.

Class C shall draft from Class D only and the draft shall be unrestricted.

No player drafted from one club in any League by a club of a higher classification shall be turned over to another club in any League of the same or lower classification, unless the club from which he was drafted shall waive claim to repurchase at the draft price.

The Secretary shall notify League Presidents by wire, if desired, of their League drafts.

Sec. 2. Clubs losing players through selection by draft shall immediately turn over to the selecting club the contract of the player so selected. Failure to forward such contract to the Secretary within fifteen days will subject such club to a fine of \$25; the Secretary to hold in his

possession the draft money received for such player or players until his contract shall have been received, and to deduct from said draft money any fine which said club shall have incurred by its failure to file with the Secretary said player's contract within the fifteen days prescribed.

The Secretary is authorized and directed to deduct 2 per cent of draft price to be converted into the treasury of the National Association.

Umpires. Sec. 3. The control of the services of umpires shall be vested in the respective Leagues in which such umpires shall be employed, and their services shall be subject to sale or draft under the same conditions and at the same time as it is prescribed for the drafting of players, the money received therefrom to be paid in the same manner as is paid for drafted players—such sum to be for benefit of the League Treasury.

Following prices shall prevail for umpire drafts:

Class AA from A.....	\$300
B.....	250
C.....	200
D.....	150
Class A from B.....	\$200
C.....	150
D.....	100
Class B from C.....	\$150
D.....	100
Class C from D.....	\$ 50

ARTICLE XII.

Optional Releases. The optional release of a player under a regularly filed agreement is valid under the following conditions:

Clubs of higher classification may place with clubs of lower classification for recall at a later date such players as they may desire, not in excess of

Six players by each Class AA club.

Five players by each Class A club.

Four players by each Class B club.

Three players by each Class C club.

The same player not to be placed on option more than two seasons in succession, all such players to be known and reported to the Secretary of the National Association as option players. On all such players to be handled on option, all agreements must be made in triplicate, one copy of which must be filed by the club holding title to said player in the office of the Secretary within ten days from date of Agreement.

All transactions made under this section to be made only upon the official optional sales blanks furnished by the National Association. The consideration for all players coming from clubs on optional agreements to be \$100 per player; consideration in all cases to be bona fide and must pass through the Secretary's office under penalty of a fine of \$25 in all cases of evasion. All notices of recall of optional players must be given through the Secretary's office on or before September 15 of each year, with checks, the player to revert to the club of higher classification at the close of the championship season of the League in which he is playing.

No player shall be released optionally between September 15 and the close of the selecting period.

ARTICLE XIII.

Salary Limits and Player Limits. Section 1. The maximum monthly salary limit per club of the several Leagues shall be:

Class A.....	\$4,500
Class B.....	3,200
Class C.....	2,650
Class D.....	2,400

Manager's salary excluded in above salary limits.

On all contracts entered into between clubs and players after February 1, 1921, the affidavits thereon shall be filled in and executed before a notary public by the contracting player and Club President, before it shall be recorded and promulgated by the Secretary of the National Association.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violation of the maximum salary limit: \$100 for the first offense; \$200 for the second offense, and \$300 for the third offense. Fines must be

paid into the treasury of the National Association within ten days.

Sec. 3. Class AA shall not have more than 35 players under contract or reservation at any time, which number must be reduced to 25 players within 30 days after the opening of the season to the 25th day of August of each year.

Class A. For 20 days after opening of season, 30 players; thereafter 23 players until August 25.

Class B. For 20 days after opening of season, 20 players; thereafter 15 players until August 25.

Class C. For 20 days after opening of season, 20 players; thereafter 14 players until August 25.

Class D. For 20 days after opening of season, 18 players; thereafter 14 players until August 25.

**Advancing
Money
to Players
Prohibited.**

Sec. 4. Clubs under the protection of this Agreement are strictly prohibited from advancing any money to players on account of salary, except for the purpose of transportation.

**Guarantee
Deposits.**

Sec. 5. Each club member of respective Leagues below Class A shall deposit on or before March 15 of each year (and in case of organization of new Leagues after above date, deposit must be made within 15 days after protection for territory has been granted) with the President of said League a cash sum, to be held in trust by said President as a guarantee of players' salaries and all other obligations, and not to be used unless the club defaults. Money to be returned to all clubs who live up to their obligations on or before November 1 of each year, deposits to be as follows: One-half of the maximum salary limit adopted by each League. League Presidents to notify the Secretary of the National Association of the receipt of such deposit.

ARTICLE XIV

**Release of
Players by
Assignment.**

Any club member of this Association may negotiate with a club member of another League, party to this Agreement, for the release of a player from another League to take effect after November 5 of the same year, and such

release shall at once be filed with and promulgated by the Secretary of the National Association and become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer.

Any proven agreement for the assignment of a player's contract by telegram or letter shall immediately become binding, and any club failing to file said agreements with the Secretary of the National Association within ten days shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00.

ARTICLE XV.

Sec. 1. Any club member of a League, party to this Agreement may at any time during its championship season negotiate for the immediate release of a player from a club member of another League, where the League constitution of the releasing club permits, and such release, if secured, shall, when filed with the Secretary of the National Association, become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer, providing the salary of the player so transferred during the championship season shall not be reduced during the balance of the season, unless he be transferred to a club of lower classification.

The assignment of the contract of a player who has been seriously injured during the playing season shall be null and void unless the assigning club notify the assignee of such injury. No assignment shall be legal or claim valid for the purchase unless the sales agreements are filed in the Secretary's office within ten days, accompanied by a check. No claim in violation of this rule shall be considered, provided, however, a formal agreement in writing to assign contract must be carried out.

"Farming" Prohibited. Sec. 2. The practice of "farming" players is hereby prohibited. Any club employing the services of a player "farmed" shall at once be penalized by the National Board of Arbitration.

ARTICLE XVI.

Contracts. Sec. 1. All contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form approved by the National Association. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegrams or other writing,

shall be valid for a period not exceeding fifteen days, but a formal contract must be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player within said fifteen days. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract, when so tendered, shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract, but he will not be eligible to play until he signs formal contract. "Terms accepted" with proofs must be filed with the Secretary of the Association within ten days.

Sec. 2. All contracts used between National Association clubs and players shall be uniform as to phraseology. Non-reserve contracts shall not be entered into without the consent of the National Board of Arbitration of the National Association. All blank contracts shall be procured by the Secretary of this Association and furnished the various League members free. Each class shall have a distinguishing color. All signed contracts with players shall be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of the National Association and made a matter of record in the Secretary's office. Failure to file with the Secretary of the National Association the contract of any player within thirty days after the time such player joins said club shall subject the club to a fine of \$25 for each and every offense; the Secretary to collect any and all fines through the President or Treasurer of the League of which the offending club is a member. After recording contracts the Secretary shall forward same to the respective League presidents.

Sec. 3. A player will not be permitted to participate in any championship game until he has first signed a contract.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be the throwing out of the records of any game won by any club while playing a player who has not signed a contract. Any game or games lost, however, must stand in the records and further action by National Board on an appeal by such player for release from reservation.

ARTICLE XVII

Unlawful Contracts. Section 1. A club shall not enter into negotiations or contract with a player under contract to another club without the latter's consent. Any club violating this Article shall be fined by the Board not less than \$100 nor more than \$250.

Sec. 2. The question of playing exhibition games shall be regulated by the respective Leagues having membership in this Association; except, however, that exhibition games with any club containing or playing a disqualified player shall be absolutely prohibited. Any club violating this Article shall be fined by the Board not less than \$100 nor more than \$250.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Application for Membership. Applications for membership by Leagues desiring protection under this Agreement must be made each year to the Secretary of the Board, as provided in Article VI.

ARTICLE XIX.

Termination of Membership. All rights under this Agreement shall terminate on or before the first day of September unless renewed before September 1st of each year, according to Article XVIII.

ARTICLE XX.

New Leagues. Newly organized Leagues may ask for and be admitted to membership at any time, but such membership shall terminate on or before the first day of September following, unless renewed according to Article XIX.

ARTICLE XXI.

Reservations. Section 1. On or before the first day of October in each year, the secretaries of Leagues, parties hereto, entitled to the privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the Secretary of the National Association a reserve list of players then under contract with each of its several club members for the current sea-

son, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list who have refused to contract with such clubs and of all ineligible, suspended and voluntarily retired players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such clubs (namely, whose releases have been secured by assignment or selection under this Agreement for future service), are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any league during the period of time between the termination of their contracts and the beginning of the next season. The Secretary of said National Association shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall not promulgate a list of regularly reserved players under contract to any club in excess of the respective number named as the player limit. Should any list of reserved players received by the Secretary from any club member of the National Association contain the names of more than the player limit, the Secretary shall immediately return the list to the club forwarding the same, and instruct said club it shall select the proper number to be reserved, and the Secretary shall not thereafter promulgate any list which contains the names of more than the proper number.

Provided further that no club shall carry more than five suspended players on its Reserve List.

It is further provided that on or before the date fixed for the reduction of players in the several Leagues to the minimum figure every club in each League must present a revised list of players to the President of its League, which said list must be received in the office of the Secretary of the National Association within five days after the above mentioned date. Any or all players under contract to any National Association Club, whose names are not included in this list shall become free agents forthwith. The Secretary shall immediately promulgate such revised list in his regular bulletin.

ARTICLE XXII.

Release from Reservation.

The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager when the club with which he has con-

tracted, or by which he has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due, or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, except ineligible or voluntarily retired players, on or before the first day of March after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the salary to be paid to such player; or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of the championship season to a different League, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer. The player shall declare his intentions to his club, or execute the club contract on or before March 20th.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Individuals and Organizations in Conflict with the National Association Agreement.

Section 1. Any club member of any League or association, a party to or identified with the National Association Agreement, that shall enter into any negotiation to become a member of or in any way co-operate with any organization of professional baseball clubs whose existence will in any manner conflict with the letter and spirit of this agreement or the interests of any of the clubs operating under it, shall forthwith forfeit all rights and privileges conferred by this Agreement, said forfeiture to include its membership in any association a party to this Agreement, and all rights of reservation to players reserved during the current or any preceding season. The penalty herein imposed shall be positive and final and shall not be revoked unless by the unanimous consent of the Board or upon appeal by a three-fourths vote of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

Sec. 2. Any officer, manager or player who shall enter into any such negotiations as referred to in Section 1, of Article 23, or who shall agree or contract to play with any club a member of such organization, shall be declared ineligible and subject to all the disabilities referred to in the preceding section.

Sec. 3. Any club member, club official (including club manager), identified with the National Association, or umpire, who shall at any time publicly, or otherwise, make

charges reflecting upon the integrity of any club member, club official, club manager or umpire, in any of the Leagues party hereto, shall be cited for appearance before the National Board of Arbitration for trial. Such trial shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the National Board. Failure to appear, or failure to substantiate such charges, shall subject the author to such penalties as the National Board may inflict. Upon such charges being proven, the accused shall be subject to such penalties as the National Board may inflict.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Disqualified Players.

Section 1. Any player who violates his contract and commits the offense known as "Contract Jumping" shall be debarred from filing an application for reinstatement for the period of five years; provided said violation be willful.

Any player disregarding his reservation shall be debarred from filing an application for re-instatement for the period of three years; provided said violation be willful.

Re-instatement may then be granted only on such conditions and penalties as may be prescribed by the National Board of the National Association.

Sec. 2. Any club member, party hereto, that shall fail to report to the Secretary within thirty days, any player of such club who has "jumped" a signed contract or reservation, shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for each offense.

Sec. 3. When a player or manager under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the Board by the Secretary of the Association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several Leagues acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the Secretary of the National Association shall notify the several clubs acting under this Agreement of

such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against such disqualified player.

Sec. 4. Any player under contract or reservation to a club in this Association who plays baseball with another club in this Association under an assumed name shall be fined one hundred dollars. Such fine shall be collected by the Secretary of the National Association and paid into the treasury of this Association.

Sec. 5. Any club in this Association which knowingly plays a player who is under contract or reservation with another club of this association shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars. Such fine shall be collected by the Secretary of the National Association and paid into the treasury of the Association.

ARTICLE XXV.

Suspension of Players. Any player who has entered into a contract with any club of an association party hereto, may be suspended without pay, or fined by such club or association, for breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any association acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended, or by the Board.

Any player suspended for a period longer than ten days may appeal his case to the National Board of the National Association.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Disbandment of Clubs. The disbandment of a club or its expulsion from membership in any association acting hereunder shall operate as a release of its players from contract or reservation by said club. But the services of such players shall be subject to the League officials for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in membership, player's salary to continue.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Control and Discipline.

Section 1. Each association shall have the right to make and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the control, discipline and compensation of all players under contract with its club members. And it may prescribe that all contracts with its players shall be made directly with said association, assignable to its club members, with the right of reservation to be exclusively exercised by said association, in which event all the provisions of this Agreement applying to contracts or reservation of players with and by club members, shall apply to such contracts and reservation of players with and by said association; provided that such rules and regulations shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, or any rule, regulation or order of the Board.

Sec. 2. Any club member or party to this Agreement, that may lose a player by desertion, except "contract jumpers," shall have the option on his services, and in all cases (except by assignment of contract) the player must return to the club he deserted and at the same salary he commanded at the time of leaving his club.

Sec. 3. Players are prohibited from joining any other club or clubs for the purpose of participating in championship games, after the close of the season of the League to which they are under reservation, under such penalties as the National Board of Arbitration may inflict. Clubs are also prohibited employing such players in any championship contest under penalty of forfeiture of games in which such players participate.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

Territorial Rights.

Section 1. Each League whose application for membership under this Agreement has been accepted by the Board shall have exclusive control of its own territory until the termination of its membership, and no club from any other League, party to this Agreement, or player under control of any National Association club, shall be allowed to play a game or participate in any game in any city of its circuit without the consent of the League President; nor shall any

club member of a League party hereto, or National Association player, be allowed to play within ten miles of any city in which is located a club member of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues without the consent of such League President. Any club violating shall be fined \$750.00, the same to be paid to the Secretary of the National Association for the benefit of the club whose territorial rights have been violated. Any player violating shall be fined \$250.00, the same to be paid to the Secretary of the National Association and converted into the treasury of the National Association.

Sec. 2. The circuits of each League now under the protection of this Agreement, with the exception hereinafter provided for, shall be continued as at present constituted. No circuit shall be changed without the consent of a majority or more of the clubs of such League; nor shall any club transfer or release its players for the purpose of injuring or weakening the League of which it is a member; provided, however, that the circuit of any of the Leagues of the same class may be changed by transferring any club from a city in a League in the same class, on consent of the majority of the clubs of such League of that class.

Sec. 3. If a League in any class shall choose a city in which a club of a lower classification is located, such League shall be then required to pay to the League of the class of which such city may be a member, the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars. Provided, further, that when a league in any class shall so change its circuit and choose a city in which a club of a League of a lower classification is located, such club shall be compensated for any assets they may have by the club desiring to locate in such city, and upon failure to agree upon such compensation, the matter shall be determined by arbitration. The Arbitration Committee shall consist of three members, one a member of a club of a League of the class of which the League making such change in its circuit is a member; the second a member of a League of the class whose circuit is thereby changed; provided, however, that no member of either League affected shall be a member of such committee. These two shall select a third member from a League disinterested in the circuit affected thereby.

Sec. 4. But provided, further, that the aforesaid provisions shall not operate against Leagues of a lower classification only in the event of either Major League changing its circuit and choosing a city in which a National Association club is located, according to the provisions of Article I, Section 1, of Rules affecting Major and Minor Leagues adopted by the Advisory Council.

Sec. 5. The notice of selection and drafting of territory under the provisions of Article XXVIII must be filed with the Secretary of the National Association between October first and December first of each year, and payment therefor must be made within thirty days of date of notice of selection.

ARTICLE XXIX.

Ineligible Players. No game shall be played between any club of any League acting hereunder, or any of its players under contract or reservation with any club containing an ineligible player; nor with a club that has played with another club either during the championship season or at any other time. A violation of this section shall subject each offender to fine, suspension or other penalty, in the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE XXX.

Transfer of Players. Section 1. Should a club of any association agree in writing or by telegraph with another club of any association subject to the National Association Agreement for the assignment of the contract of any player then under contract or reservation with or by it, in accordance with the rules governing, either party may file said Agreement with the Secretary of the National Association, and should any club refuse to comply with its said Agreement, the Board may require said Agreement to be complied with and may transfer the said player accordingly.

Sec. 2. All Sales and Optional Agreements must be filed in the Secretary's office, and checks must accompany all agreements to the Secretary's office.

ARTICLE XXXI.

Payments of Salaries. Before any League shall be granted the privilege and protection of this Agreement, it shall enact laws or regulations debarring any of its clubs from entering into contract with any player while under arrears of salary to him and from suspending or otherwise attempting to disqualify such player for refusing to contract while it is so in arrears of salary to him and for expulsion of any club for refusal to pay arrears of salary to a player when required by said League or by the Board.

ARTICLE XXXII.

Inter-League Series. No club member of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues or players shall be permitted to participate in any Inter-League championship series of games excepting under rules and regulations, and subject to the Board of Control. Any club or players disregarding the spirit of this Article shall be subject to such penalties as may be imposed by the National Board of Arbitration.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

Forfeiture of Rights. All rights of any League hereunder shall be forfeited for failing to expel any of its club members that may play a game of ball, except under the Playing Rules adopted by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Definition of Terms. The term "League or Association" as herein used shall mean and comprise an organization of professional baseball clubs of not less than four clubs, representing four cities, whether known as "League" or "Association," or by any other designation.

ARTICLE XXXV.

Amendments. This Agreement may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote at the annual meeting, or unanimous vote at any time by the Na-

tional Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. It shall take effect and be in force from and after September 6, 1901.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

Ten Years' Agreement. Resolved, That we hereby agree, jointly and severally, to extend the life of the National Agreement of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues adopted at Chicago, September 6, 1901, for the period of ten (10) years from the 6th day of September, 1901.

This Agreement shall be and is binding upon our successor or successors, and upon any and all associations, Leagues and clubs hereafter becoming parties of this National Association Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXVII.

Re-enactment of National Association Agreement for Ten Years from September 6, 1911.

Resolved, That Article 36 of the National Agreement of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues be and the same is hereby altered and amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That we hereby agree jointly and severally to extend the terms of the National Agreement of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues heretofore adopted at Chicago, September 6th, 1901, for the period of ten years, which period will expire on the 6th day of September, 1911, for the period of ten years from the 6th day of September, 1911, which extended period will expire on the 6th day of September, 1921.

This Agreement shall be and is binding upon our successor, or successors, and upon any and all Associations, Leagues and Clubs now members of this Association, or hereafter becoming parties to this National Association Agreement. Adopted.

ARTICLE XXXVIII.

**Re-enactment of
National Association
Agreement for
Ten Years from
September 6, 1921.**

Resolved, That Article 37 of the National Agreement of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues be, and the same is hereby altered and amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That we hereby agree jointly and severally to extend the terms of the National Agreement of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues heretofore adopted at Chicago, September 6, 1901, for the period of ten years (which period expired on the 6th day of September, 1911, and again extended for a period of ten years from the 6th day of September, 1911, which extended period again expires on the 6th day of September, 1921) for a further period of ten years, which further extended period will expire on the 6th day of September, 1931.

This Agreement shall be and is binding upon our successor or successors and upon any and all associations, Leagues and clubs now members of this Association or hereafter becoming members to this National Association Agreement. Adopted at Kansas City, on November 11, 1920.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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2. Reading of Minutes.
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NATIONAL BOARD OF ARBITRATION.

1921.

Members of the Board.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Arbitration and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested; same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed.

The Chairman and Secretary.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Board shall issue calls for all meetings of the Board and preside at such meetings, having all powers with reference thereto which are incidental to a presiding officer.

The duties of the Chairman-Secretary of the Board shall be as follows:

(a) To receive, receipt for, and disburse all moneys payable to the National Association, and also all moneys as per Article XI and to make all financial statements required by the National Association.

(b) To keep the records of the proceedings of the

Board, together with all records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Association Agreement.

(c) To issue all notices required by the National Association Agreement to be issued.

(d) To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see that the applicants, when admitted, pay their proper dues.

(e) To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the National Board, and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the National Association and the Board.

Rules.

Rule 1. In addition to the annual meeting of the National Board the Chairman-Secretary may at any time, at his own option, or at the request of four members of the Board, call special meetings, the place of meeting and hour to be determined by the Chairman.

Rule 2. Notice of such meeting shall be given to all members of the Board by wire or mail to reach the respective members at least three days prior to such meeting; provided, however, that a meeting may be held at any time and place through unanimous consent of all members.

Rule 3. During the interim between the various meetings of the Board the Chairman-Secretary is clothed with power to decide disputes upon the evidence submitted, provided, however that any club or player in interest may request action by the full Board at the outset.

Rule 4. All papers, telegrams, affidavits and other evidence in all cases presented to the Board shall be filed with the Chairman-Secretary. Contracts submitted to be returned to the proper parties in due season.

Rule 5. Whenever a decision is made containing an important ruling or new procedure, the same shall be reduced to writing by the Secretary, and copies transmitted to the several League members of the National Association through the respective League Presidents.

Rule 6. Whenever any player shall be "promoted by selection" by more than one club, the Secretary will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice

with the Secretary that it desires the assignment of the player's contract by selection. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the Agreement; otherwise, such notice shall be of no effect and void.

Rule 7. Notices of selections of players received by the Secretary prior to the opening of the respective selective seasons of the several classifications shall be considered as having been received at 9 a. m. of the morning of the day opening their respective selective seasons of the several classifications.

A selection made by wire must be followed within thirty-six hours by the amount due; otherwise the selection is void.

When two or more clubs shall select the same player the award of such player shall be made by drawing by lot from a hat.

Rule 8. Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Association Agreement are accepted by any club or association authorized to do so by the provisions of the Agreement, the assignment of contract therefor shall be at once sent to the Secretary who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

Rule 9. The first notice of terms accepted received by wire or otherwise in the Secretary's office (followed by proofs) shall have precedence and shall be binding. Notice of "terms accepted" and proofs must be filed within ten days.

Rule 10. Any player selected during the selective period shall be ineligible to play with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decision of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him, as per provisions of Article 21 of the National Association Agreement.

Rule 11. The Secretary shall keep a separate account of all amounts received by him for selected players, showing by whom selected, amount paid, and time of payment.

Rule 12. Supplemental to the Reserve list of October 1, as required by Article 21, the Secretary shall about November 1 of each year prepare and issue a revised Reserve list, containing omissions, alterations and corrections. Additional reservations will not be received after issue of

Final Reserve List, and any player whose name fails to appear upon said revised Reserve List shall be free to negotiate his services, upon application to the Board.

Rule 13. An assignment of contract of players made during the respective selective season for the different classifications shall not be considered as against the selection of such player.

Rule 14. All matters and writings involving National Association Clubs and Major League Clubs shall pass through the Secretary's office and be made a matter of record in said office.

Rule 15. Upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence to this Board that any club in any League under this Agreement (either through its officers, manager or players) has tampered with a player under contract or reservation to any other club under this Agreement, said offending club shall be fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

Rule 16. Any player under contract or reservation to any club who shall fail to report within three days at the point he shall be ordered to report, may be fined One Hundred Dollars, provided that the club shall give the player at least one week's notice of the time he is to report.

Rule 17. All contracts must be made a matter of record in the Secretary's office, under such penalties as the National Association Agreement provides.

Rule 18. All National Association clubs shall be required to file with the Secretary copies of agreements entered into relating to the assignment of contracts of players by one National Association Club to another.

Copies of agreements between National Association Clubs and Major League Clubs should also be filed in the Secretary's office as a matter of record.

Rule 19. Non-Reserve clause contracts are abolished and no such Non-Reserve contracts shall be promulgated, excepting by permission of the National Board of Arbitration of the National Association.

Rule 20. All club members must use the official form of sales agreements furnished through the Secretary's office. All other forms are illegal. The penalty for violation shall be a fine by National Board against the offend-

ing parties, or an order or notice declaring the player involved to be a free agent.

Rule 21. An assignment of contract of a Minor League player by one Minor League Club to another shall not be permitted after September 15 of each year until after close of the selecting period.

Rule 22. Any application for a re-hearing must be filed in writing with the Secretary of the Board, by the parties interested, within ten days after such decision has been made. In no case shall a matter be re-opened unless the application has been filed within said ten days. The applicant shall state in concise form the reason for the request, together with any new evidence in the case.

Rule 23. Failure to forward contracts of players selected to the Secretary's office within fifteen days after notice of selection will subject such club to a fine of Twenty-five Dollars.

Rule 24. Failure to file with the Secretary of the National Association the contract of any player within thirty days after the time such player joins said club shall subject the club to a fine of Twenty-five Dollars for each and every offense.

Rule 25. After the close of a championship season in a League, players are prohibited from joining other clubs for the purpose of participating in championship games in another League.

Rule 26. All Inter-League championship series of games between National Association Clubs shall be conducted by a Board to be composed of the President of this Association and the Presidents of the two Leagues from which the contending parties are drawn.

Rule 27. Any player released by any National Association Club within a period of thirty (30) days, prior to the close of the current playing season, shall immediately become a free agent and can sign with any National Association Club, except the releasing club.

Rule 28. When a player is reported for suspension the reason must be given. If reason is not given, player's salary continues and suspension shall be considered as not in force.

Rule 29. In event of failure of club to notify player

of his release who has not reported within five days after salary becomes due on first or fifteenth of month, the player shall become a free agent and salary due becomes a claim against the club.

Rule 30. Membership shall not be granted to any League that has less than \$500 per month salary roll for each club and in no event shall membership be granted to any League that pays its players a percentage of the receipts in lieu of salary.

Rule 31. A club releasing the services of a player on an agreement to any club member of the National Association whose championship season commences after that of the releasing club, must pay said player's salary for his cancelled contract for the period of time covering the difference in opening of championship seasons, provided player promptly reports to club to which his services are transferred.

Rule 32. Any violation of either the salary limit or player limit by any manager shall be immediately reported to the President of the League in which such manager is employed to the Secretary of the National Association. For such violation the National Board shall impose a fine in such amount as it may deem proper, such fine to be paid into and retained by the Treasury of the National Association, and shall not be remitted under any circumstances.

J. H. FARRELL,
Secretary.

**NATIONAL } LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL
AMERICAN } BASEBALL CLUBS**

Uniform Player's Contract

Parties. The
herein called the Club, and
of, herein called the
Player.

Recital. The Club is a member of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs. As such, and jointly with the other members of the League, it is a party to agreements with the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs and its constituent clubs and with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. The purpose of these agreements is to insure to the public wholesome and high-class professional baseball by defining the relations between club and player, between club and club, between league and league and by vesting in a designated Commissioner broad powers of decision in case of disputes.

Agreement. In view of the facts above recited the parties agree as follows:

Employment. 1. The Club will pay the Player a salary for his skilled services during the playing season of 1921, at the rate of \$..... per month, making an aggregate of \$..... for the season.

Salary. 2. The salary above provided for shall be paid by the Club as follows:

In semi-monthly instalments after the commencement of the period covered by this contract, unless this contract shall be terminated by the Club while the Player is "abroad" with the Club for the purpose of playing games, in which event the amount then due shall be paid on the first week-day after the return "home" of the Club.

Loyalty. 3. The Player during said season will faithfully serve the Club or any other Club to which, in conformity with the agreements above recited, this contract may be assigned, and pledges himself to the American public to conform to high standards of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Service. 4. The Player will not play during 1921 otherwise than for the Club or for such other Clubs as may become assignees of this contract in conformity with said agreements.

Assignment. 5. In case of assignment of this contract to another Club each successive assignee shall become liable to the Player for his salary during his term of service with such assignee, and the Club shall not be liable therefor. If the assignee is a member either of the National or American League, the salary rate shall be as above specified. If the assignee is any other club the

salary rate shall be the same as that usually paid by said club to other players of like ability.

Discipline. 6. (a) The Player accepts as part of this contract the Regulations printed on the third page hereof and such reasonable modifications of them as the Club may announce from time to time.

(b) This contract may be terminated at any time by the Club or by any assignee upon ten days' written notice to the Player.

(c) The Player submits himself to the discipline of the Commissioner and agrees to accept his decisions rendered pursuant to the Major League Agreement.

Renewals. 7. (a) Any time prior to February 15th, 1922, by written notice to the Player, the Club or any assignee thereof may renew this contract for the term of that year except that the salary rate shall be such as the parties may then agree upon, or, in default of agreement, such as the Club may fix.

(b) In default of agreement, the Player will accept the salary rate thus fixed or else will not play during said year otherwise than for the Club or for an assignee hereof.

(c) The reservation to the Club of the valuable right thus to fix the salary rate for the succeeding year and the promise of the Player not to play during said year otherwise than with the Club or an assignee hereof, have been taken into consideration in determining the salary specified herein and the undertaking by the Club to pay said salary is the consideration for both the reservation and the promise.

Disputes. 8. In case of dispute between the Player and the Club or any assignee hereof the same shall be referred to the Commissioner as an umpire, and his decision shall be accepted by all parties as final.

Signed this day of, A. D. 1921.

[SEAL]

Witnesses:

By
(Club)

.....
(Player)

.....

Regulations

1. The Playing Season for each year covered by this contract and all renewals hereof shall be as fixed by the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.
2. The player must keep himself in first-class physical condition and must at all times conform his personal conduct to standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship.

3. The player, when requested by the Club, must submit to medical examination at the expense of the Club and, if necessary, to treatment by a regular physician in good standing at the player's expense. Disability directly resulting from injuries sustained while rendering service under this contract shall not impair the right of the player to receive his full salary, but any other disability may be ground for suspending or terminating this contract at the discretion of the Club.
4. The Club will furnish the player with two complete uniforms, exclusive of shoes, the player making a deposit of \$30.00 therefor, which deposit will be returned to him at the end of the season or upon the termination of this contract, upon the surrender of the uniforms by him to the Club. And the Club will provide and furnish the player while "abroad" or traveling with the Club in other cities with proper board, lodging, and pay all proper and necessary traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations and meals en route.
5. The player shall not without the consent of his Club engage during the term of this contract or any renewal thereof in any game or exhibition of baseball, football, basket ball or other athletic sport except for the Club or for an assignee of this contract.
6. For violation by the player of any regulation the Club may impose a reasonable fine and deduct the amount thereof from the player's salary or may suspend the player without salary for a period not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the Club. Written notice of the fine or suspension or both and of the reasons therefor shall in every case be given to the player.
7. In order to enable the player to fit himself for his duties under this contract, the Club may require the player to report for practice at such places as the Club may designate, and to participate in such exhibition contests as may be arranged by the Club for a period of days prior to the playing season without any other compensation than that herein elsewhere provided, the Club, however, to pay the traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations, and meals en route of the player from his home city to the training place of the Club, whether he be ordered to go there direct or by way of the home city of the club. In the event of the failure of the player to report for practice or to participate in the exhibition games, as provided for, a penalty by way of fine may be imposed by the Club, the same to be deducted from the compensation stipulated herein.

NOTICE TO PLAYER OF RELEASE OR TRANSFER

**National } League
American }**

....., 192...

To Mr.

You are hereby notified as follows:

1. That you are unconditionally released.
2. That your contract has been assigned to the
..... Club of League.
 - (a) Without right of recall.
 - (b) With right of recall.

.....
.....
.....
(Cross out parts not applicable. In case of optional agreement, specify all conditions affecting player.)

.....
Corporate Name of Club.

.....
President.

Copy must be delivered to player; also forwarded to President
of League of which Club is a member, and to
the Commissioner.

UNIFORM AGREEMENT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PLAYER'S CONTRACT TO OR BY A MAJOR LEAGUE CLUB

Six counterpart originals to be executed, of which one is to be retained by each of the Parties, and the others mailed to the following, respectively: The Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council, the Secretary of the National Association, the President of the American League and the President of the National League. The counterpart original sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Advisory Council shall be accompanied by a check for the consideration, which check, in the case of a payment due a Minor League club, shall be to the order of the Secretary of the National Association.

This Agreement, made and entered into this day of 192... by and between.....
.....
(Party of the First Part.)

and
(Party of the Second Part.)

Witnesseth: The party of the first part hereby assigns to the party of the second part the Contract of Player.....
..... according to the Rules adopted under the Major League Agreement and the Major and Minor League Agreement and upon the following conditions:

In Testimony Whereof, we have subscribed hereto, through
.....
our respective Presidents or authorized agents, on the date above written:

Witness:	
	Club
By	
	(Party of the First Part.)
By	
	Club
By	
	(Party of the Second Part.)

Corporate name of Company, Club or Association of each party should be written in first paragraph and subscribed hereto,

Important Notice to Players and Club Presidents

"Every player before signing a Minor League contract should carefully scrutinize the same to ascertain whether all of the conditions agreed upon between the Player and the Club President, or its authorized Agent, have been incorporated therein, and if any have been omitted the player should insist upon having all the terms, conditions, promises and agreements inserted in the contract before he signs the same. If at any time, as the result of an official investigation, it is ascertained that an agreement of any kind between a Minor League Club President and a player is not fully set forth in the player's regular contract or made a part thereof, then a penalty shall be inflicted against the Club and Manager violating this provision, the same to be paid into the treasury of the league of which the contracting club is a member, and the said contract shall be null and void and the player unconditionally released."

CONTRACT

Approved by the

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUES

Uniform Player's Contract

Parties. The
herein called the Club and
of herein called the Player.

Recital. The Club is a member of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. As such, and jointly with the other members of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, it is a party to agreements with the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs and its constituent clubs and with the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs and its constituent clubs. The purpose of these agreements is to insure to the public wholesome and high-class professional baseball by defining the relations between club and player, between club and club, between league and league and by vesting in a designated Commissioner and National Board broad powers of decision in cases of disputes.

Agreement. In view of the facts above recited the parties agree as follows:

Employment. 1. The Club will pay the Player a salary for his skilled services during the playing season of 1921 at the rate of \$..... per month.

Salary. 2. The salary above provided for shall be paid by the Club as follows:

In semi-monthly installments after the commencement of the period covered by this contract, unless this contract shall be terminated by the Club while the Player

is "abroad" with the Club for the purpose of playing games, in which event the amount then due shall be paid on the first week-day after the return "home" of the Club.

Loyalty. 3. The Player during said season will faithfully serve the Club or any other Club to which, in conformity with the agreements above recited, this contract may be assigned, and pledges himself to the American public to conform to high standards of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Service. 4. The Player will not play during 192... otherwise than for the Club or for such other Clubs as may become assignees of this contract in conformity with said agreements.

Assignment. 5. In case of assignment of this contract to another Club each successive assignee shall become liable to the Player for his salary during his term of service with such assignee, and the Club shall not be liable therefor. If the transaction of transfer of services is between two clubs of the same classification in the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the salary rate shall be as first specified in contract. If the assignee is any other club, the salary rate shall be the same as that usually paid by said club to other players of like ability.

Discipline. 6. (a) The Player accepts as part of this contract the regulations printed on the third page hereof and such reasonable modifications of them as the Club may announce from time to time.

(b) This contract may be terminated at any time by the Club or by any assignee.

(c) The Player submits himself to the discipline of the National Board and the discipline of the Commissioner and agrees to accept all decisions rendered pursuant to the Major-Minor League Agreement.

Renewal. 7. (a) Any time prior to March 1st, 192..., by written notice to the Player, the Club or any assignee thereof may renew this contract for the term of that year except that the salary rate shall be such as the parties may then agree upon, or, in default of agreement, such as the club may fix.

(b) In default of agreement, the Player will accept the salary rate thus fixed or else will not play during said year otherwise than for the Club or for an assignee hereof, subject to the right of appeal as provided in paragraph 8.

(c) The reservation to the Club of the valuable right thus to fix the salary rate for the succeeding year and the promise of the Player not to play during said year otherwise than with the Club or an assignee hereof, have been taken into consideration in determining the salary specified herein and the undertaking by the Club to pay said salary is the consideration for both the reservation and the promise.

Disputes. 8. In case of dispute between the Player and the Club or any assignee hereof the same shall be referred to the National Board or the Commissioner, as the case may be, as an umpire, and the decision shall be accepted by all parties as final.

Signed this day of A. D. 192..

[SEAL]

Witnesses:

By

President for the Club

Player Sign Here

Player's Home Address

SALARY LIMIT AFFIDAVIT

State of }
County of }

..... a Ball Player, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the full and entire amount of compensation or remuneration, including salary, gift, or anything else by whatever name, that he receives directly or indirectly from said Baseball Club does not exceed \$..... per month, the amount shown on the face of this contract.

(Player Sign Here.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this }
..... day of 19.. }

State of }
County of }

..... the undersigned Club President makes oath that he will not, nor will his Association, Corporation, Agent, or Servant, compensate or pay said Baseball Player for any other services rendered to the said Baseball Club, or to any other person, or persons, firm or corporation, more than the sum of \$..... per month, for a term of not more than the regularly scheduled championship season of this league.

President for the Club

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this }
..... day of 19.. }

Regulations

1. The playing season for each year covered by this contract and all renewals hereof shall be as fixed by the League of Professional Baseball Clubs.
2. The player must keep himself in first-class physical condition and must at all times conform his personal conduct to standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship.
3. The player, when requested by the Club, must submit to a physical examination at the expense of the Club and, if necessary, to treatment by a regular physician in good standing at the player's expense. Disability directly resulting from injuries sustained while rendering service under this contract shall not impair the right of the player to receive his full salary for a period not exceeding two weeks, at the termination of which he may be released or continued on the salary roll. Any other disability may be ground for suspending or terminating this contract at the discretion of the Club.
4. The Club will furnish the player with uniform, exclusive of shoes. Upon the termination of the championship playing season or release of the player the player agrees to surrender the uniform or uniforms to the Club. And the Club will provide and furnish the player while "abroad" or traveling with the Club in other cities with proper board, lodging, and pay all proper and necessary traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations when necessary and meals en route.
5. The player shall not without the consent of his club engage during the term of this contract or any renewal thereof in any game or exhibition of baseball, except for the Club or for an assignee of this contract.
6. For violation by the player of any regulation the Club may impose a reasonable fine and deduct the amount thereof from the player's salary or may suspend the player without salary for a period not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the Club.
7. In order to enable the player to fit himself for his duties under this contract, the Club may require the player to report for practice at such places as the Club may designate, and to participate in such exhibition contests as may be arranged by the Club for a period of days prior to the playing season without any other compensation than that herein elsewhere provided, the Club, however, to pay the traveling expenses, including Pullman accommodations, and meals en route of the player from his home city to the training place of the Club (but not in cases where Club trains at home) whether he be ordered to go to the training camp direct or by way of the home city of the Club. In the event of the failure of the player to report for practice or to participate in the exhibition games, as provided for, a penalty by way of fine may be imposed by the Club, the same to be deducted from the compensation stipulated herein.

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE-
BALL LEAGUES**

Official Optional Agreement

This Agreement, made this day of
192... between the Baseball Club, party
of the first part, and the Baseball Club,
party of the second part.

Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part for and in
consideration of the sum of dollars
(\$.....) does hereby transfer the services of Player
..... to the party of the second part.

(No sale with option to repurchase is valid, unless the con-
sideration to be paid is at least One Hundred Dollars, and the
consideration passes at time sale is made. All checks must
pass through the office of the National Secretary.)

It is further understood and agreed that the said party
of the second part does hereby give to the said party of the
first part the right, or option to repurchase the services of
said Player on or before Sept. 15,
192..., for and in consideration of the sum of
..... Dollars (\$.....) less 2 per cent de-
duction due the National Association.

It is further agreed that if said party of the first part
does not exercise its right or option to repurchase said
Player before September 15, 192..., by
notifying and forwarding to the National Secretary a check
for amount involved, then it is agreed that the services of,
and title to, said Player shall
become vested absolutely in the
Baseball Club.

In Witness Whereof the said Baseball Clubs have here-
unto affixed their common or Corporate seals of the said cor-
porations, the day and year first above mentioned.

.....
Pres. Baseball Club.
Attest:
Secretary.

.....
Pres. Baseball Club.
Attest:
Secretary.

NOTICE: A copy of this agreement with check attached
must be filed in the office of the Secretary of the National
Association within ten days after its execution, in order to
make same binding. Three counterpart originals of all
Agreements or Assignments shall be made; one copy to be
retained by each of the Clubs interested, and one mailed to
the Secretary of the National Association accompanied by
a check. All checks in payment shall be made payable to the
Secretary of the National Association.

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